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Hippo heartbroken after she swallows her best friend — a pig

Eugenia the hippo is said to be moping around a Soviet circus because she accidentally swallowed her best friend — a 10-month-old piglet named Vladimir.

"It was a terrible tragedy and the hippo just can't seem to get over it," trainer Ismail Serapov told reporters in Kishinov. "She is full of melancholy after what happened to her best friend.

"I'm sure she blames herself even though it was an accident. The last thing she wanted to do was eat that little pig."

The hippo's amazing friendship with the tiny piglet began after the death of her first baby last July. According to Sradzov circus employees could see that the beast was troubled and got her the piglet as a replacement.

"She took to the pig as if it were her own child," said the trainer. "And the little pig followed her everywhere and even curled up at her feet to sleep. Sometimes she would gently take him up into her mouth and carry him wherever she went." It was that habit, said Serapov, that led to the piglet's demise.

While cleaning the cooler from her cage to the training ring, the hippo was startled by a runaway elephant — and swallowed the piglet whole.

"She dropped him in her tracks and began to look around for him," said Serapov. "I don't know how intelligent hippos are, but she quickly realized the pig was gone.

"She also seemed to realize that she was at fault. She refused to train and wouldn't eat.

"She acted like it was the end of the world. And for her, I guess it was."

— JEWISH FISHER

IN HAPPIER days, Eugenia hippo and Vladimir pig were the best of friends, and always together. Now, the hippo's heart is heavy, as she mourns the loss of the spunky piglet after accidentally swallowing little Vladimir.

Actor shoots himself in suicide scene shocker!

Recreating a suicide scene from the hit flick *Lethal Weapon* almost proved lethal to an aspiring actor — who put a gun in his mouth and accidentally shot himself in front of horrified fellow students, cops said.

Adam Hayward, 22, a student at the Eagle Theatre in Beverly Hills, Calif., was rehearsing the scene in which the character played by film star Mel Gibson places the barrel of a handgun in his mouth, as if contemplating suicide, according to investigators.

Suddenly, the gun went off, sending a bullet ripping through Hayward's head. He was rushed to Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, where he underwent emergency surgery to remove the bullet.

Fortunately, he survived the gunshot wound.

"There is no evidence that it was a real suicide attempt," said police Lt. Bob Lunn.

"But the pistol, a .22-caliber automatic, belonged to Hayward and was fully loaded."

In a similar accident four years ago, actor Jon-Erik Hexum, 20, died after accidentally shooting himself in the head with a gun loaded with blanks.

PILLS FOR THRILLS!

Lustful doc faces charges

A 42-year-old physician has been charged with gross sexual misconduct for putting women through overly intimate exams so he could get a few thrills.

"He grossly overstepped his duty," said a spokesman for the General Medical Council in Herefordshire, England, which is investigating misconduct charges against the doctor, Joseph Nicholson of Ross-on-Wye.

A number of women have come forward to complain about the conduct of Dr. Nicholson.

"I didn't like it and tried to avoid it," said one young woman who said she had to undergo internal exams just to get her birth control prescription renewed. "But I was told with-

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Lonely Arab sends a plea to The NEWS:

By JON BERGER

Sick, romance-mad Arab Ahmed Assam has made Weekly World News an offer he thinks we can't refuse:

We send the girl-crazy Kuwaiti oilman a lovely, long-legged American lady to share his lonely nights and all his loot — and he'll send us his beloved racing camel!

And if we have no use for Khartoum, the galloping camel, eager Ahmed will willingly trade us Kimba, his prize pedigreed goat, for a military plane to call his own.

"You could make all my dreams come true and I will reward you handsomely if you do," the 6ft-6in Arab wrote in a letter postmarked in Kuwait.

"Khartoum is the finest racing camel in this part of the world. He has competed against champions from my country, from Saudi Arabia and from Egypt, and he has been a winner every time.

"He is a beautiful camel, and he runs like the wind. The woman you offer me should be worthy of such an animal."

Moneybags Ahmed, 38, says he longs for a wide-eyed American cutie because Arab gals are as homely as a mud fence.

"My camel is more attractive than most of the women here, and he has much more charm," griped the love-starved ox of a sheik.

"Our women have faces as wrinkled as dates, and they have no spirit, no love for life. Arab women are not a joy to be around."

Amorous Ahmed says he's dreamed of latching onto a leggy American lass for years — even though he's never met one.

"I have seen American women in movies and magazines and on television, and they are all gorgeous," said the infatuated Arab.

"They are not stumpy and overweight like our women and they don't hide their loveliness behind veils. They are free spirits, with dancing eyes and pouting lips and billowing hair.

"They would be a pleasure to be with."

The don juan oilman says he wrote to Weekly World News because he's seen just the type of temptress he wants in the pages of our newspaper.

And he sent along copies of the paper with big red checks by the glamour girls who met his approval.

"Any of those I have marked will do," said the Kuwaiti casanova. "Tell me where she is coming and my people will meet her at the airport.

"Either Khartoum my camel or Kimba my goat will be sent to you immediately, but you must let me know which you prefer.

"Please send my girl at the earliest opportunity because I am waiting to

She gave all her food to her pets

Loving oldster dies — so her cats can live!

Cat loving spinster Joan Hall slowly starved herself to death so that her 100 pampered pets wouldn't go hungry.

"She neglected to feed herself so she could spend all her money on the cats," said neighbor Stephen Smith. "She really loved them. There was nothing else in her life."

The elderly old maid was nothing but skin and bones when she collapsed in her home and was rushed to a hospital in Barrow-in-Furness, England.

"But it was too late for her," said neighbor Faye Hansford. "They fed her intravenously but she was too far gone. She died 36 hours after being admitted."

Joan, 68, ran a shelter for cats in her tiny house. She cared for all sorts of felines, from pedigreed Siamese to bedraggled strays.

The retired music teacher spent about $35 a week to feed her beloved pets. But when she collapsed in her home, her own food supplies were bare.

"She was a dear woman who never bothered a soul," said Mrs. Hansford. "She scrubbed those cats . . . did without for them, and it killed her."

A few days before she died, neighbor Smith said he urged her to go to a hospital. "She was just a frail shadow then, but she didn't want to leave her cats alone," he said.

Smith said he bought her some groceries a few days before she died, and she was too weak to hold the bag.

Smith is desperately trying to find homes for the orphaned cats. If not, they will be put to sleep.

"I called a vet who said they were all healthy, so I wouldn't allow them to be killed," said Smith. "She died for those cats. They were her children. I couldn't live with myself if I didn't try to find them homes."

— JACK ALEXANDER

Iron mask shuts up nagging wife

Anne Clark poses in a 17th-century device known as a scold — used 300 years ago by husbands who wanted to silence a nagging wife. Its prongs push a woman's tongue to the bottom of her mouth and it is padlocked for complete security. Anne, 46, from Cockermouth, England, said, "It was medieval bondage. I was tongue-tied. If someone tried to put it on me again, I'd kill them."

Dad & son buy winning lottery tickets from the same store!

History was made when a father and son each bought multi-million-dollar plus winning lottery tickets — from the same convenience store!

Marvin and Cynthia Heath hit a $4.8 million Lotto jackpot only a few months after Marvin's dad David won $1.3 million with tickets they bought at Ritter's Farm Store No. 36 in Shrewsbury, Pa.

Lottery officials said it was the first time in the game's history that Lotto jackpots were won by two members of the same family on different dates.

It was also the first time in the game's history that jackpot tickets were purchased at the same store.

Boy killed for not saying 'mommy'

A bride was sentenced to life behind bars after being convicted of drowning her 6-year-old stepson in the bathtub — because he wouldn't call her "mommy."

British authorities said Ann Hollis, 27, had been married to Raymond Hollis, a London airport baggage handler, for less than a year and was fiercely jealous of his first wife.

Prosecutor David Jeffreys said that while Hollis was at work one day his new wife flew into a rage when her stepson, Lee, refused to call her "mommy."

Jeffreys said Hollis, 37, came home to find his son's body floating in the bathtub.

"He pulled Lee out of the body into the hall and tried to revive him, but unhappily, he was dead," the prosecutor said.

Mrs. Hollis denied killing the little boy, claiming she'd left Lee playing in the bath when she took Maria out for a walk.

But jurors refused to buy her story that the murder was the work of an unknown intruder and convicted her. Mrs. Hollis was sentenced to life in prison.

— PETE COMEZ

THE whole family visited mom in the hospital last summer after the birth of number 11, Daniel.

Super mom is expecting her 12th baby in 12 years!

By HENRY WEBER

Super mom Nicole Pridham has had 11 children in 11 years — and now she's pregnant again!

The birth of the baby will extend her record to 12 kids in 12 years — one for each year of her marriage to husband Kevin.

"I'm just thrilled to tears with the good news," the 30-year-old woman told *The NEWS*. "I adore children.

"As soon as one baby starts getting older, I start itching for another. Our last baby was born last summer so I guess the time is right to have yet another little one on the way."

"What a wonderful Christmas present this is," said the proud papa. The newest addition to the Pridham clan is expected in May. It will join Anthony, 10; Alexander, 9; Sara, 7; Victoria, 7; Charlotte, 6; Jane, 4; Damien, 3; Adam 2; Katy, 21 months; Emma, 14 months, and Daniel, 4 months, in their seven-bedroom house in Lincoln, England.

It should come as no surprise that Mrs. Pridham and her 27-year-old husband are enormously patient people. They insist that they love the racket their 11 kids make — around the clock.

"It's just mind-boggling the amount of stuff that gets broken and has to be replaced," said Pridham, a self-employed carpenter.

OVERJOYED parents Nicole and Kevin Pridham with their latest, their 11th child.

"I just adore being pregnant. I'd love to have more!"

"There's always a moment to regret having them," he said.

The family's day begins at 7:30 a.m., when mom and dad crawl out of bed and start getting the older kids ready for school.

By 8:40 a.m. everybody who is leaving for the day has packed up and gone — and Mrs. Pridham begins the first of nine daily loads of laundry.

Each week she goes through an astonishing 180 diapers. The kids also go through 63 quarts of milk, 40 pounds of potatoes and 14 pounds of vegetables every seven days.

Does more incredible, Mrs. Pridham and her husband care for the kids without help from anyone but his mother, who baby-sits for the couple once a week!

"The funny thing is that having such a big family isn't that much harder work than having five children, for instance," said Mrs. Pridham. "We usually have all the kids asleep. We only need four hours sleep."

And it's a good thing, too. Mrs. Pridham told The NEWS, "We'll have eight more and stop.

"In fact, we're thinking about number 13 right now," she said. "I just adore being pregnant. I'd love to have more!"

Happy landing!

A Cincinnati housewife who learned her husband had been cheating on her jumped from a third-story window landing

Teen beats man to death with electric guitar

A teenager who admitted beating a man to death with an electric guitar was found not guilty of murder charges after he explained that he was acting in self-defense.

Mark Douglas Troup Jr., 17, beat 28-year-old Russell Nies 3rd to death with a bass guitar in the hallway of a New Cumberland, Pa., apartment complex during an argument

Lawyers put mirrors on their shoes to peek up gals' skirts!

Angry secretaries go on strike

Eight enraged ladies have stormed off the job at a fancy law firm, charging that lecherous male lawyers spy on unsuspecting women in the powder room — and wear mirrors on their shoes so they can peek up secretaries' dresses!

The outraged ladies told a French equal rights commission they want to return to work — but not until their screwball bosses clean up their act.

"The men in that place are disgusting," fumed fed-up secretary Saundra Pinjon, 30.

"They're all high-powered lawyers and very rich men. People who don't know them think they're very dignified gentlemen — but they are really just dirty little boys who get their kicks peeking under women's clothes."

Steamed-up Saundra said the cheating shenanigans began last year when a senior partner in the firm of Mestre & Poiss outside Paris started strolling around the office with mirrors attached to his shoes.

"Mr. Mestre put some office mirrors on the backs of two fifty centime pieces and stuck them to the toes of his shoes," the striking secretary told reporters. "He was laughing it up, telling everyone how much fun he was having looking up our dresses.

"The bad part was, he really could see up our dresses and it was embarrassing.

"Before long, all 12 lawyers in the firm were wearing mirrors on their shoes anytime they were in the office. They thought it was cute, but for the women it was degrading.

"We couldn't protect ourselves by wearing slacks because they had rules against wearing slacks. We couldn't do anything but let them look."

But the final straw came when the infuriated ladies learned their tawdry bosses had drilled a peephole into the powder room and had been spying on them.

"We talked it over and decided that was really sick," said clerk Claudine Burton. "We were so upset we wanted to kill somebody."

But a spokesman for Mestre & Poiss's highbrot lawyers said he doesn't see what all the fuss is about.

"The boys were just having a little fun," said Roger Fiquet. "There's nothing wrong in that."

— JOE SIEGEL

A breath of fresh air

Tall and shapely Corinne Russell is looking forward to sunny days in her "fresh as a daisy" spring swimwear.

Human is 2 million years old!

Archaeologists have dug up the bones of a human being who proved the banks of the Yangtze River in China an incredible 2 million years ago.

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The man's jawbone was found among the bones of monkeys and other mammals.

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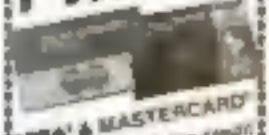

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Five-foot Willie Calvera, 8, makes a mighty leap in a bid away his Cleveland, Ohio, home. Willie's secret is a ramp behind the tire stack that gives him a big boost at take-off.

Followers go ape after they catch health food guru eatin' a chili dog

By HENRY WEBB

Angry health food enthusiasts attacked their leader when they found out he had eaten a hot dog smothered in onions and chili!

Paul Minstre, the so-called "Grains Guru" of Nancy, France, was not seriously injured in the riot that broke out at a vegetarian conference just south of the city.

But cops said the guy was lucky — because 200 people who believed in his health food teachings were ready to kill him when they found out he was cheating. They wanted to hang him on the spot.

"Paul Minstre preached a gospel of diet that forbade meat and processed foods of any kind," vegetarian Betsy Marcu told reporters.

"We bought his books, listened to his lectures and did just about anything he said. We starved ourselves because he told us it was the right thing to do.

"The whole time he must have been laughing behind our backs, eating whatever he liked."

Minstre would neither confirm nor deny allegations that he ate a hot dog on his way to the health food conference, as one of his followers charged. He did say the riot that broke out when he arrived was "unprovoked and totally unrelated to me."

"I never said I ate grains and vegetables — I just preached their merits," he said. "I don't know what people expect.

"You'd think they'd make up their own minds. I'm sick of all these goody-goodies. I was only in it for the money."

Mob of 200 ready to string up veggie bigwig

Town candidate gets zero votes — not even his own!

Hapless politician Valeir Marquee failed to win a single vote in an important election — not even his own!

"I see I didn't have the slightest chance so I decided to vote for a friend who did," said Marquee, a Social Democrat, who had hoped to win a seat on the city council in Barinha, Brazil.

His friend did not win, either, the O Estado news agency said.

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Life is a real hoot for the primitive owl people of Borneo. A top anthropologist says the tribesmen flap their arms when they walk, screech to communicate and eat insects, frogs and rats — just like the birds they adore!

"These are the strangest people on Earth, bar none," Dr. Henri Angelot told reporters in Paris. "They make their clothes entirely of owl feathers and try to emulate the birds in every way.

"They strut around with their eyes bugged out and literally flap their arms like wings as they go. They also screech to express pleasure and hide out during the day.

"Like owls, they become active and feed exclusively at night."

Dr. Angelot claims he have discovered the tribe while on a routine anthropological survey of Borneo's jungles last September.

He initially thought that the strange people were celebrating some sort of owl festival. But he quickly learned that they weren't putting on — they act like owls all the time.

"Tribal legends say that an owl was the father of the tribe and these people believe it without question," said the expert.

"They bow and pray whenever they happen to see an owl. They do kill owls for their clothing, of course, but they do so according to a strict ritual. I've never seen anything like it," he added. "These people are more bird than human."

Dr. Angelot plans a return trip to complete his study of the tribe no later than February.

"I'd like to have a full report available for the science journals by the end of 1982," he said. "It will take at least six or seven months to even begin to understand these strange people."

— PENNY WISER

BIG-EYED owl people of Borneo dress in feathers and screech when they're happy, just like the birds they're chosen to imitate.

. . . just like the birds they adore!

Tot drinks from toilet for 3 weeks after parents die!

The future looks bright — at last — for tragic toddler Linda Cox, who drank water from a toilet for three weeks to survive after her parents died in a bizarre murder-suicide.

Four families want to adopt Linda, who was only 17 months old when she was left alone in her Kansas City, Kans., home after her dad shot himself and her mom. Her 2-year-old sister died during the three-week ordeal.

Linda and her dad, Prince, survived the horrifying experience by eating scraps of food she found in the house and drinking water from the toilet.

The youngster, who is now 20 months old, has been living in foster homes while a court ruled on various legal aspects of the case.

Permanent custody of Linda will be awarded in one of

China's first commie millionaire!

A Chinese peasant who used a beat-up truck to build a multimillion-dollar transport company now wants to join the Communist Party!

Incredibly, Party chiefs in Shenyang aren't so sure they want anything to do with wealthy Liu Kegan.

They say riches fly in the face of Commu-

purpose of entering the Party is to make a contribution to the country," said millionaire Liu, 34. "I believe I am a socialist — a rich socialist. I'm not afraid of the restrictions of Party discipline."

The Xinhua News Agency confirmed that the authorities are vexed by Liu's request.

"It's a question the Party never had to ad-

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SHAMPOO SHOCKER!

She's gone 2 years without washing her hair — and it looks

By LORAN JAMISON

Shampoo is a dirty word to brunette Shari Vahl. She hasn't used the stuff for two long years — and she says her hair is cleaner and healthier than ever!

The 24-year-old Richmond, England woman took part in an experiment for a television show in 1980 in which she gave up cleaning her own hair and let nature do it.

Now, even after she's had a dirty shampoo-free hair was enough the experiment ended long ago.

"If I'm the thought of not washing my hair ugh, sacred cow," she explained.

"But look the thought of using shampoo or soap on my hair makes me feel quite ill.

[illegible] rather than you learn to live without it, you'll be back.

"And not washing your hair certainly saves huge effort and a fortune in beauty products."

Shari says that at first she wasn't sure washing her shampoo and conditioners and rinses and sprays but a good idea.

But her startled looking [illegible]

It smells cleaner, too!

washing my hair ugh sacred cow," she explained.

"But look the thought of using shampoo or soap on my hair makes me feel quite ill.

[illegible] little after a few days without a wash.

"At first it was awful," she recalled. "My hair would come [illegible] straight and it fell so frothy. Every morning I literally had to pull the greasy strands from the pillow."

But not for [illegible] Shari's hair problems disappeared. Her dark tresses began to glow with a new healthiness. Her hair became naturally curly and light. It had a natural, sweet smell of rain and wind instead of the [illegible] oils and perfume.

"It's amazing," said delighted Shari, who vows she'll never wash her hair with shampoo again. "Suddenly my hair is in the best condition ever. I think everyone should give up shampoo."

AMAZING — Shari Vahl's long, lustrous brown hair was never shampooed

One-armed bandit

Crippled crook Barry Austin is a real one-armed bandit, who taped two plastic pipes to his artificial arm — and fooled his victims into believing he had a shotgun.

Austin, 33, used the phony shotgun trick in robbing a London, England, building society office three times, but the third time fooled him in jail.

Austin bumped a passerby as he fled with about $8,000, then pestered and ran. He was later caught, convicted and sentenced to eight years in jail.

Teen goons kill dad then rape mom and daughter, say police

[illegible] was gripped by [illegible] teen [illegible] who strangled him with [illegible] shoelaces, then raped his wife and daughter.

New York City police said the 50-year-old victim, who [illegible] glad-rag trashed it. [illegible] [illegible] Armstrong [illegible] [illegible] Thursday, the gang-[illegible] tied the man and put his [illegible] keys. Wearing Halloween masks, the teens ordered the businessman's [illegible] age daughter and raped them, cops said.

Police charged Victor Sa[illegible] 17, Aaron Dale, 17, and Darnell [illegible], 18, with murder, rape, [illegible] and being armed [illegible] [illegible] was charged with rape, aggravated sexual [illegible], possession of a weapon, robbery, criminal use of a [illegible] and [illegible] ing, police alleged in a criminal act and endangering the welfare of a minor. The four [illegible] in jail.

WORLD'S HOTTEST GOSSIP

Big screen hunk slams Timothy Dalton's prize 007 role

Mel Gibson calls new James Bond a BORE!

Rabbitch Timothy Dalton, with Bond girl Maryam d'Abo, got the 007 job by default after Mel Gibson says he turned it down.

The big screen's new James Bond Timothy Dalton got a major slap from box office beefcake Mel Gibson who said he was offered the role of the superspy first — but turned it down because it was dull.

Blue-eyed Mel, who skyrocketed to fame as the leather-clad vigilante of the future in Mad Max, told radio listeners in the Big Apple that Tim wasn't the first choice for James Bond after Roger Moore decided to turn in his license to kill.

According to Mel, he was offered the role on more than one occasion, but trashed the offer. He explained:

"I didn't want to do James Bond, the man with a license to kill. I'm afraid too much damage has been done over the decades to James Bond to salvage."

Apparently, the Aussie superstar felt that 007 had been done nearly to death after being played by hunks like Sean Connery and several others. And of course Bond has al-

They offered me spy job 2 times — and I turned them down cold, says Aussie superstar

Queen Elizabeth

New book exposes Royals' gay secret

A new book has rocked England with the shocking claim that many of the household staff and retainers surrounding the royal family are gay.

The book *Heart of Treachery* by John Costello centers on the Soviet homosexual traitor Anthony Blunt who was best of the Royal Family's art collection.

But the real shocker in the book's claim that many members of the Queen's family prefer gay servants and staff.

When Queen Elizabeth's late cousin Lord Mountbatten was told his guard value was gay, the famed war hero replied: "Of course — all the best values are." Indeed, Prince Charles' former valet was gay and died of AIDS.

Embarrassingly, the Queen's bodyguard of 31 years Commander Michael Trestrail was forced to resign in disgrace after admitting having a fling with a gay prostitute.

Once, the Queen's mother reportedly yelled from her room to her chatty valet servants:

"When you old queens leave the toilet, there is an old Queen up here who would like a pee and bath." — *London Sun.*

Prince Charles

ready realized from just about every predicament imaginable since his days as the silver screen

"I find the British royal family kind of boring," sighed Mel

That's easy for you to say, Mel you're a superstar. — *New York Post*

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Prince Rainier ordered all those fat cats in Monaco who want him to dump his wimpy son and make daughter **Princess Caroline** heir to his throne.

"It is ridiculous to think that my daughter would be able to take the place of her brother," said the Prince of the tiny country.

"It's an idea that is totally absurd.

Prince Rainier says Caroline will never be boss of Monaco

My heir is Albert and no one can say he will succeed me."

A band of Monaco bigwigs have been backing Caroline because they feel Prince Albert is nothing but a spineless playboy who will never have the backbone to run the gambling resorts.

But Rainier now has slapped down Caroline's admirers, saying that Albert will one day be the boss.

"When the old man goes, I don't know ... but don't worry," said the feisty Rainier who took a backseat in running Monaco when his wife Princess Grace was alive.

"I'm still not able to govern and he still has to get a little experience. But he's always the one closest to me on every occasion." — *Globe* magazine

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No truth to the stories that swish bear superstar **Michael J. Fox** and svelte pinup temp **Sean Penn** were feuding during the shooting of their war flick in Thailand. Casualties of War.

At least that's the claim of Michael's publicist relations flack Nancy Seiter.

"It's just the usual kind of malarkey that a part of the press being provocative when anything to do with Sean Penn comes up," says Nancy. "Actually, Sean and Michael got along fine on that movie. Listen, they're friends."

Hey, we believe you. — *New York Daily News*

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Did jealous **Linda Evans** give her beau **Richard Cohen** the boot because her guru told her to? That's the claim of some colleagues who say Linda and Richie were like lovebirds in her

agent who speaks through a goat-loving blonde named J.Z. Knight named the romantic ... *New York Post*

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Outrageous Courtney Cox of TV's hit sitcom *Family Ties* is getting miffed over her dimply goody image.

I don't feel like the sweet little girl I play. If anything, I'm a little too old for the age," says the 24-year-old force to be reckoned with. "I started working when I was a baby. I used to act my way. I used to act older than

Naughty naughty naughty — *Evening Island Newsday*

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Flighty [illegible] Barbara Harris

Leggy playboy Bunny Lynne Bowers was named Throttlers favorite at 54-inch-10. But

says he had to sign out of London because [illegible] Irish Republican Army.

I've had threats from the IRA on three occasions in the previous two years," he says.

I take them very seriously and the Irish Embassy has told me to stay London because of them." — *Evening Island Newsday*

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Unserious party guy **Peter O'Toole** says he's given up booze and women and doesn't miss them a bit. As for his wild youth, Peter explains:

I was normally shooting the place. Eat drink and be merry." — *London Daily Mirror*

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But all was dishearten **Bob Dylan** fans. The legend was [illegible] where he grew up in Hibbing, Minn., to be told [illegible] in the 8th-grade play is the worst player on the basketball team where little Bobby carried [illegible].

What a gem. — *New Orleans Post*

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Multimillionaire **Jane Rivers** almost got an invite to the Secret Service [illegible] mentioned she never [illegible] her pal Spike. A [illegible]

Joan sits on a panel of Egyptian [illegible] Amerena and [illegible] gorge over her [illegible] a girl [illegible] a VIP invite to Russia. But when

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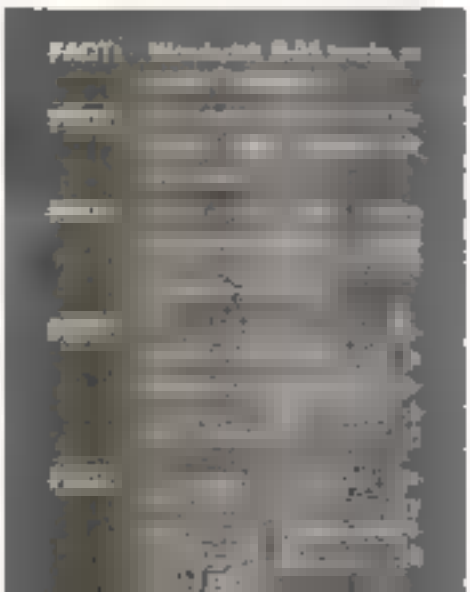

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Witch doctor chops up 8-year-old genius

. . . and stirs him into a magic brew!

A wicked African witch doctor chopped a schoolboy into a thousand pieces and used them to make a magic brew!

"I've had it with these nutty savages — they're all crazy as loons," Police Lt. George Miller told reporters in Mbabane, Swaziland.

"The witch doctor singled out the child because he was known to be a genius and murdered him in cold blood. Then he chopped up the body with a machete.

"That was bad. But the worst was to come. He actually stirred the parts into a smelly potion that he called a victory magic brew.

"He said another boy was the essential ingredient in a potion to make people smarter."

Malinga Hlodi, the witch doctor, was sentenced to death after he confessed in the shocking death and mutilation of tragic Julius Mamba. It said the cop.

But far from being remorseful, the murdering quack soothsayer was to brag about the fact while he awaits his appointment with death row.

"I had to kill the boy, because he was essential for my brew," said the 57-year-old native. "You can't make such a potion more than once in a lifetime.

"And you have to have a thicker bus in the pot to make it work."

Police investigators agreed that the witch doctor's potion was as vile and foul smelling a liquid as they had ever encountered. They openly doubted that it would do anything but make a poisonous stew.

But the witch doctor insisted that the brew had miraculous powers. He said it would cure everything from arthritis to impotence — and make anybody brilliant.

Anthropologist Richard F. Nilewski deplored the murder of young Mamba and the witch doctor's succeeding in sacrificing as a tragic result of evil forces with conflicting world views.

"Clearly, many ask the witch doctor would have been a hero to his patients — but now he's just another victim of death row," said the expert.

"It's sad in a way. But there's no place in the 20th century for the kind of black magic that kills a youngster just because the child's parents believe he has the hands of a genius."

— KEVIN FISHER

HASHED Witch doctor dances for joy after drinking a magic potion he brewed from the chopped-up body of an 8-year-old boy

Gun-toting gal tells hubby: EAT — OR I'LL SHOOT!

An angry husband's life really is tied to make her husband eat himself to death at the point of a gun, cops claim.

Catherine Hood, 46, was jailed on a charge of assault with intent to commit great bodily injury, police in Bordeaux, France, said.

The outraged gal allegedly forced her husband Andre, 52, to eat an entire turkey and at least half of a big Christmas ham before cops were tipped off and kicked down

[illegible] Andre Lagrange told reporters. "The woman had the barrel of a revolver pushed against her husband's temple and was screaming at him to eat."

"He was nibbling and chewing at the same time. There's no doubt about it. She was trying to kill him with food."

Andre Hood refused to comment on the bizarre incident as he left a court. Mrs. Hood was ordered to pay him $1,000 and to stay away from the couple's home.

SUPER BULLET SHOCKS COPS!

Cops in South Florida are worried because the bad guys have got ahold of Teflon-covered bullets — which can pierce four bulletproof vests and 2½ telephone books before stopping cold.

The new super bullets were invented to stop cop killers but they've found their way into the black market after being outlawed for civilians.

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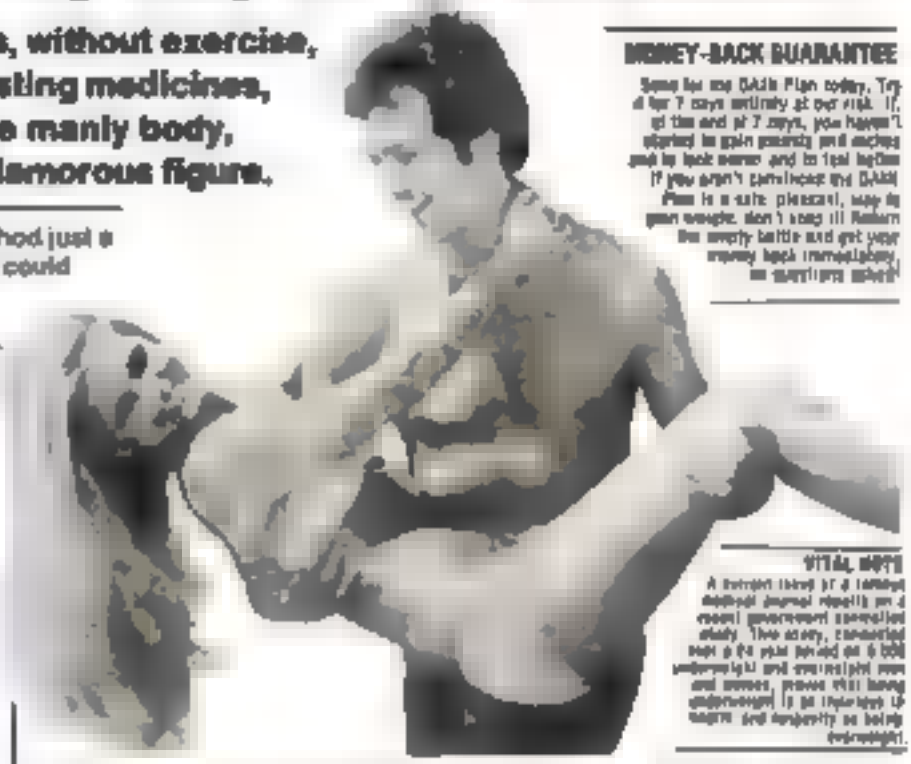

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Old maid hasn't seen her own face since 1944!

By ALEX JACKSON

Guilt-ridden Maria Fase hasn't looked at herself in a mirror or a photo since she was a teenager 44 years ago — because one peek could drive her stark-raving mad.

"The poor soul has no idea what she looks like," said psychiatrist Dr. Dario Carloni in a top medical journal. "She can see but she can't stand the sight of herself."

Maria is 61 now and has always blamed herself for the deaths of her parents and brother in a horrific car accident near their home in Genoa, Italy, when she was 16.

"She tipped the boat over and has never forgiven herself," said Dr Carloni.

"Seeing herself brings it all back, so she avoids that like the plague."

When she was 17, in 1944, Maria suffered a nervous breakdown after looking in a mirror. A few months later she suffered a second breakdown when she saw her picture in a family photo album. Both times she had to be committed to an institution.

"If it happens again, I'm convinced she would go crazy and we would have to put her away for good," said Dr Carloni.

Maria suffers from a severe guilt complex and doesn't respond well to psychotherapy because of her regressive personality.

"If her problems were played out, we might fix it," said Dr Carloni, the author of the medical journal article about Maria's bizarre case.

"It was re-published in the newspaper, Il Nuovo, with Maria's consent.

"She wasn't responsible for the accident, but she thinks she was," he said.

"The terrible guilt she feels is locked in her mind and she won't face it head."

The totally illustrated guilt with her problem is her own way. There are no mirrors or shiny objects in her house. She wears her hair short and uses no makeup. Shutters cover the windows at night so she can't see a reflection of herself.

"She almost went off the deep end five years ago when a co-worker walked into the factory wearing reflective sunglasses," said Dr Carloni. "She ripped them off and stamped them to pieces!

"I feel certain we could cure her with long-term therapy and shock treatments, but she will not submit to that," said Dr Carloni.

"This tragic woman has been able to live on the edge of madness for 44 years, but oh what a wasted life," Dr. Carloni added.

If she looks into a mirror she'll go totally insane

GUILT-RIDDEN Maria Fase blames herself for the deaths of her parents and brother.

Party invitation becomes a nightmare for pretty model

BIGGY Sara Wilkes says she thought she was going to a party

By PETE COOKE

Gorgeous model Sara Wilkes said she thought she was just going to a party — but discovered to her horror that she'd been targeted to become a sex slave in the harem of an Arabian prince!

I was told that if I was summoned to the oldest member of the royal family's bed I had to go," said the 21-year-old British blonde. I felt like a piece of meat.

Fat cat Arab tried to make her his sex slave, she says

The sexy beauty from Wilkes said she thought she was going to a party when she met Prince [illegible] at a [illegible] in [illegible]. Sara said [illegible] TV interview [illegible] to attend [illegible] Arabian party.

"I didn't realise my dream [illegible] a nightmare," she said. "I hadn't realised I was being [illegible] a sex slave.

I agreed to attend [illegible] was greeted by an armed [illegible] outside the airport. It was like something out of a gangster film.

Sara said she was escorted [illegible] waiting limousine and whisked off to a posh [illegible] hotel.

The Arabs had booked a whole floor," she said. "I was escorted to a room. An armed guard ran me a bath."

After the [illegible] Sara said she was told [illegible] party." Sara said: "I was with a number [illegible] the ladies' room. The Arabs had taken over a night club and we were driven there in a fleet of limousines," she said. After that we went to a private lounge which was like a harem.

Sara said she successfully avoided the prince's advances during the all night bash, but when she tried to slip away in the morning the Arabs insisted on staying on. The gum-snapping model created such a ruckus in the plush resort that the Arabs finally agreed to put her on a flight back to England.

"It was a nightmare," Sara said after she was safely back in Birmingham. "I was terrified. I could have been mur-

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By ALEX JACKSON

When her suspected hubby dumped her for another woman, a scorned wife defiantly kept in touch — by harassing him with more than 100,000 phone calls.

Furious Toyoko Tanikuchi phoned her husband day and night for more than two years, often calling him up to 300 times a day — even after he got a divorce.

"He dumped her and she couldn't handle that," said Kawasaki, Japan, Police Lt. Shinji Hirayama. "No man had ever done that to her before."

Toyoko, 27, was finally hauled into court after she ignored several warnings from cops to leave her ex-mate, Hideo Tanikuchi, alone. "One more call," said a judge, "and you go to jail."

The calls began shortly after Hideo ended their stormy, two-year marriage. Hideo said she was "hell on wheels to live with" and walked out. "She pulled my hair, punched me in the stomach, stomped on my feet and repeatedly battered me in front of our friends," he said. "I was raised not to hit women and so I didn't fight back."

Hideo used the same incredible restraint when Toyoko made his life miserable with the phone calls.

"She would [illegible] me to take her back, try to borrow money, call me names, but mostly she would say, 'Goodnight, Wimp' and hang up."

Harassed Hideo changed his phone number more times than he remembers but somehow she always managed to get the new one.

Most of the 100,000 calls went unanswered as Hideo's phone recorder. Even that didn't stop her because at night Hideo complained to the police.

Each time Toyoko talked him into dropping the complaint by promising never to call again. "But she never kept the promise and the police got tired of arresting her only to have me let her off the hook," said Hideo.

Hideo finally got a helpful ear for harassment when she began calling his new girlfriend at all hours of the day and night.

Toyoko was arrested and brought before a judge in Kawasaki. She was fined $500, given a suspended one-year jail sentence, and placed on two years' probation.

Judge Tatsuo Kitamura also ordered her never to use her phone, except in emergencies.

Jilted gal drives her hubby bonkers with 100,000 phone calls

She harassed him day and night for more than 2 years

Goofy things kids say about sex!

One thinks fathers make babies in a hidden workshop

Fathers make babies in their workshops. Pregnancy is a nightclub in New York. And it's a good thing that mothers-to-be have belly buttons — otherwise unborn babies wouldn't be able to watch TV!

That's just a sample of the wacky things kids told researchers Rosabel and Juliette Goldman when asked about the birds and bees. Here's more:

● Babies are born through their mothers' noses. According to one 5-year-old: "Some people have real big noses. When mom breathes real hard, the baby comes out there. It's all to do with tubes and things."

● There are three sexes, said one 5-year-old: "The male sex, the female sex and the in-sects."

● A surprising number of children are convinced that babies are made of materials with parts from people who have died.

Others think babies are made in their fathers' workshops with parts purchased from stores.

● One girl thought "pregnancy" was the name of a fancy New York nightclub. Another realized that pregnancy is a medical condition, but insisted that it lasts nine years.

Some are actually peepholes that enable unborn babies to view the world — especially TV.

In a similar study conducted last year, sociologist William Kerns found that children had even stranger ideas about marriage than the facts of life.

Here's a sample:

● According to an 8-year-old girl, men and women fall in love and get married when angels pull their noses out of a hat.

"If they aren't happy they still have to stay together five years," said the girl. "Then they can pray to the angels for a divorce."

● People aren't allowed to marry until they are adults so they won't have children — and steal all their toys.

"If mommies and daddies were as young as their children they would always fight over toys," said a 5-year-old boy. "There would be big fights and everybody would cry."

"That's why marriage is for old people only."

Mary Tyler Moore is not talented enough to make it on her own!

By KAPI KLINGER

Mary Tyler Moore — once hailed as America's sweetheart — has bombed in her new TV show because she isn't talented enough to carry a series on her own.

That's the shocking opinion of two TV entertainment critics. They liken poor Mary to *M*A*S*H*'s McLean Stevenson whose career nosedived after the hit Korean War sitcom left the air.

"It's embarrassing," said Ken Hoffman, former top reviewer for the *Arizona Republic* and now a radio personality in Houston. "What is this, her 15th series in a row that's bombed? She can't take on for an answer. The public has rejected her."

Hoffman and Bob Nichols, critic for the *Palm Beach Post* in West Palm Beach, Fla., both agreed that Mary's talent is very limited and certainly not as great as she or the set work thinks it is.

"There are people in the business whose ego gets in the way and they think they can play more parts than they can," said Nichols. "She wants to be a better actress than she is. I don't think she can carry a show herself."

The key to Mary's fabulous success as Mary Richards in the legendary sitcom *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* was timing and an incredibly talented supporting cast. Indeed, Ed Asner, Ted Knight, Valerie Harper and Cloris Leachman went on to have their own sitcoms. Cloris Leachman went on to helm the successful *Love Boat* while Betty White currently stars on the hit *Golden Girls* sitcom.

"It isn't surprising that no one else on her original show went on to anything as right for her," said Hoffman. "They were all talents in their own right."

Nichols agreed.

"She's a reactionary type of actress. McLean Stevenson is a perfect example. When he was in *M*A*S*H*, he was surrounded by extremely talented people and reacted off them. He fell on his face when he tried his own show. He couldn't carry it on his own."

Nichols advises Mary to quit trying to prove she's a great actress and be happy with what she accomplished — starring in probably the greatest sitcom ever.

"She was the right lead, the right person at the right time — and her time has past," he said.

"She hit the ninth it years ago — and hasn't stopped bleeding."

AMERICA'S SWEETHEART actress Mary Tyler Moore hasn't had a hit on TV since her super sitcom

TV critics tell why the superstar's new shows keep bombing

Pacemaker keeps kitty purring

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Shy-Anne the Siamese cat is as frisky as a kitten despite her 18 years — since surgeons patched up her troubled ticker with a pacemaker.

The spunky pussycat is one of four felines in the world to survive the delicate operation — and the oldest.

Her veterinarian said Shy-Anne's chances of surviving without a pacemaker were slim to none when the devoted heart problems showed a year ago.

"She began to faint all the time. She could hardly stand up," said her owner, Florence Reiff of New York City.

Vets at the Animal Medical Center in Queens told Mrs. Reiff the cat's heart was not pumping enough blood to her brain.

Rather than put their beloved kitty cat to sleep, Mrs. Reiff decided on the risky, $1,000 operation that would give their precious pet a new lease on life.

Doctors implanted the tiny battery-powered pacemaker in a tedious, two-hour operation.

PERKY Shy-Anne would be a dead cat without pacemaker.

RISKY BUSINESS

Work is more murder for lots of folks who call on public officials, gas station attendants, real estate agents and hotel employees, a study shows — because those are the fields with the highest on-the-job

pic are murdered each year at work, according to the National Institute of Occupational Safety and Health in Cincinnati.

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Troops called to battle birds terrorizing town

In a chilling incident recalling Alfred Hitchcock's movie The Birds, a horde of nasty blackbirds led by an "evil" lead bird terrorizing a town with their vicious attacks.

Finally, troops had to be called into Talmud, a Tel Aviv, Israel, suburb to battle the heathen birds.

Two people were attacked and wounded, receiving nasty scratches, by the lead bird until it was finally blasted out of the sky by an officer.

"This raven was evil," said a resident, Pearl Benson. "It had frightening black eyes, large wings and a large beak."

Another woman who lived through the winged terror described the works of fear as residents hid from the feathered fiends.

"It was just like the movie by Hitchcock," she said. "Whenever we opened our windows, the birds would arrive.

"The birds would fly around the houses and bother us when we were sleeping. For two weeks we have been sleeping with closed shutters and closed windows."

Incredibly, an Air Force unit was nearly called in to help restore law and order. But officers believe the killing of the leader bird just warped the flock of revenge off.

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Young couple found hanged — inside their car!

Lovers died with rope tied from their necks to a lamp post

Young lover Brian Lynagh killed his girl by tying a rope around her neck, the other end to a lamp post, and driving his car forward.

Then, he killed himself the same way!

Two suicide notes were found near the tragic bodies of Lynagh, 23, and his sweetie, Bernice Anders, 20, who were found hanged over in a car on a lonely road in Warrington, England.

"They apparently loved each other but weren't happy with the world," said Police Inspector Chester Crumpley. "As best we can see the lover of the pair hanged himself."

Police believe Lynagh killed his girlfriend first — putting the rope around her neck and the lamp post and then going to the car and then did the same for himself.

"After killing Bernice, he got the car to reverse, took the noose off her neck and put it around his neck," said Inspector Crumpley. "Then he accelerated and hanged himself."

Friends of the couple were shocked by their gruesome and unnecessary deaths, said Crumpley.

"They had been going together for four years and seemed to be getting along fine. The one puzzling part of this case is that both notes seemed to be in the same writing. But one was signed by Bernice and the other by Brian," said Inspector Crumpley.

Police have yet to determine who had written the notes.

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Rare rhino gets head stuck in cage and dies!

Rhoda the very rare rhino got her head stuck in the gate to her cage and died of shock before zookeepers could rescue her.

The giant, big-lipped animal, a rare Indian rhinoceros that had lived at the Los Angeles Zoo for 20 years, stuck her head sideways into an opening and then turned her head, making it impossible for her to escape.

"It is a tragedy for us and a tragedy for the species because she is one of the few successful breeders and her genes are very valuable in a species preservation program," said zoo official Lora La Marra.

Rhoda was one of the few Indian rhinos to produce calves in captivity. Her 3-year-old male calf was with her in her pen when the 11-year-old rhino died in the library archives.

Housewife slices & dices herself!

Housewife Susan Yonkel was slicing tomatoes when she accidentally slipped on the kitchen floor — and stabbed herself.

The knife went four inches into her abdomen and had to be surgically removed at a hospital in St. Petersburg, Fla.

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SHE'S JUST A GHOUL WHO CAN'T SAY NO!

By EAGAN DUNN

Dozens of young men have been chased through the woods by a hideous old woman who shrieks: "Take me. Take me. I'm yours!"

"It sounds comical but we are taking these reports seriously," Police Sgt. Gerard Carre told newsmen in Paris. "There is nothing funny about a crime of sex.

"And it would appear that this old woman is dead set on victimizing the first man she can catch."

No arrests have been made in the bizarre case but police do have a suspect. They think the old woman might be 69-year-old Mary Lepage, who has lived in an abandoned cemetery just south of Paris for 41 years ever since her fiancé died in 1908.

"We've known about old Mary for years and while she may have left her tomb because she didn't bother a soul," said Sgt. Carre. "But now we can't find her gravestone. We think she's holding out to avoid us."

Descriptions of the old woman vary but police officials say that Mary Lepage is as ugly as they come. She stands almost six feet tall and has unusually large feet.

She sports matted black hair in ringlets and is said by all accounts, her flesh is the color and texture of an old shoe.

Richard Ramaine 3d, said a ghoulish old woman took off after him as he walked by the old cemetery on December 1. Because it was late and the graveyard is pourly lit, he thought he was hallucinating or a ghost.

"I'd be lying if I didn't say that she scared the daylights out of me," said Ramaine. "She was yelling, 'Take me, take me,' and waving her arms at me.

"I ran through the woods to get away. But I didn't feel safe until I got home and locked the door behind me."

Sgt. Carre said: "We've gotten similar reports from many men and their wives claimed. If Mary's behind this, we'll catch her."

Mickey Donnelly, Jim Donnelly's son (right) and his opponents from the Chiefs.

'Coach Rambo' fired — his team [redacted] much!

By DICK DONOVAN

Youth League football coach Jim Donnelly was fired because his unbeaten team scored too many points and won too many games!

The 32-year-old offensive coach of the Greenacres City (Fla.) Chiefs was given the boot because his 9-0 team of 10 to 12-year-old boys was consistently chalking up scores of 32-0, 22-0, 33-8 and 28-0, to cite a few lopsided examples.

Donnelly's ouster stems from a league rule that requires coaches to bench their star players when their team leads by 17 points.

Michael Pfahl, executive director of the National Youth Sports Coaches Association, said he supports that rule "100 percent."

"It's demoralizing and serves no useful purpose to punish a losing team by beating them to a pulp," Pfahl told The NEWS.

"The kids are out there to learn competition, teamwork [illegible] that sports has to offer them. The focus has to be on [illegible] participation. It doesn't do the winning team any good to say they beat the other team in polly — once referred to as death or to rob the loser of their faces.

The Chiefs concede the rule isn't all that bad. The problem is that they usually score big points in the first quarter or early in the second quarter.

That means that if their best players are pulled from the game, they spend more time on the bench than they do on the gridiron. And Don Donnelly — dubbed "Coach Rambo" — doesn't think that's fair to his players.

"These kids give 110 percent day in and day out, and I'm supposed to tell them not to play their best?" he asked in dismay. "I'm not in favor of running up the score, but I don't see anything wrong with a shutout."

And Mike Ready, the Chiefs' 13-year-old football quarterback, has his own very pointed opinion about how the game should be played.

"Football is supposed to be a team sport," the young ace said with all the confidence displayed by acid-tongued Jim McMahon, quarterback for the Chicago Bears.

"That's what the game of football is all about," he added. "You shouldn't be punished because you're good."

"I don't like to be sitting out a lot when I should be playing," added 13-year-old star halfback Carlton "Butler" Hamilton Jr.

In the Chiefs' first game without Donnelly calling the plays, the opposing team scored the first touchdown recorded this year against the first-string defense.

League wants Chiefs to give opponents a chance

Moms don't cuddle deformed babies as much

Mother of deformed babies don't cuddle and coo at their infants as much as moms of normal babies do — but they won't admit it.

That's the result of a new study detailed by Dr. R. Christopher Borden at the University of Utah Medical Center.

"The surprising thing the study reveals is that mothers of deformed infants [illegible] admit that there may be problems relating to the child," said Dr. Borden.

In fact, mothers of deformed infants displayed greater satisfaction with parenthood than those with normal children, even though they weren't as physically affectionate with the babies, according to the

'Unhappiness' sparks holiday spending sprees — says doc!

Some of the biggest spenders at Christmastime aren't folks who are carried away by joyous Yuletide spirits, an expert says — they're people who are depressed!

For these people, buying gifts is a mood brightener, according to Dr Jack Gifford, chairman of the marketing department at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio.

"The holidays make some people feel rushed and overburdened," he told The NEWS. "These people get depressed and they find relief in buying gifts for others.

"It's not unwomanly for us to go out and buy things we don't want or need, just to pick up our spirits."

And while Christmas may be great for shopkeepers, it keeps shoppers that broke every year — because of buying binges that make even happy folks spend wildly for the holidays.

Dr Gifford, who bases his assessment of the American shopper on years of interviews with retailers, believes the Christmas season prompts otherwise normal people to blow their cash and buy, buy, buy trying to make others happy or cheer themselves up. "During the holidays, people can become impulsive and irrational," he says.

WHEELCHAIR SUICIDE!

A despairing young woman struggled to get out of her wheelchair and then leaped to her death from the seventh floor of a college dormitory!

Cleo Simon, 21, a grand University of California at Berkeley student Dwayne Hemskerk in her dramatic death plunge but he was only shaken up, not injured.

University spokeswoman Tom Debley said Miss Simon was a student from 1980 to 1987 but was not enrolled at the time of her jump.

"We're listing it as an apparent suicide," he said.

Tammy Bakker

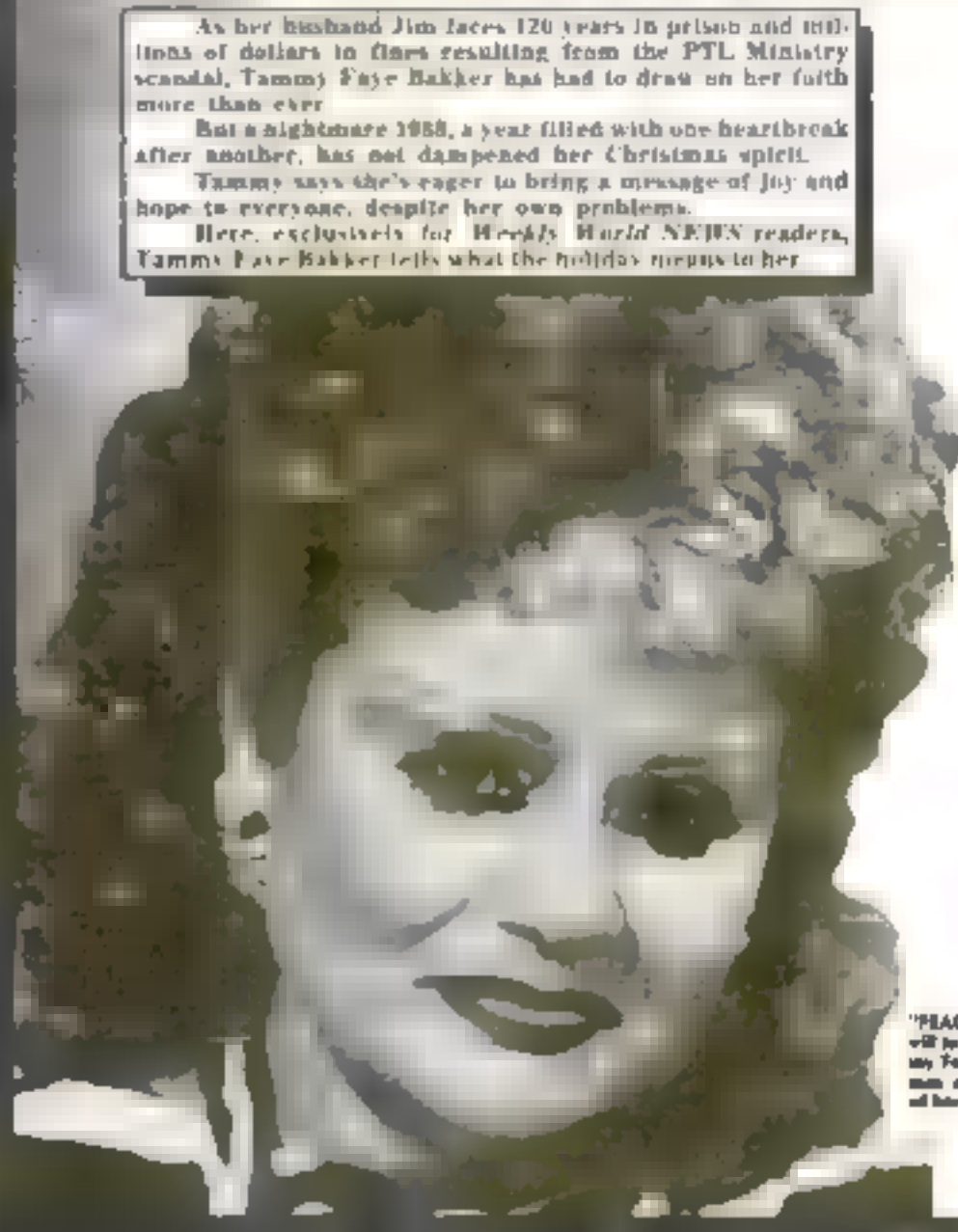
A Yuletide letter of joy and re

As her husband Jim faces 120 years in prison and millions of dollars in fines resulting from the PTL Ministry scandal, Tammy Faye Bakker has had to draw on her faith more than ever.

But a nightmare 1988, a year filled with one heartbreak after another, has not dampened her Christmas spirit.

Tammy says she's eager to bring a message of joy and hope to everyone, despite her own problems.

Here, exclusively for *Weekly World* NEWS readers, Tammy Faye Bakker tells what the holidays mean to her.



"PEACE on Earth, will be mine," sings Tammy Faye in her Ch[illegible] message [illegible] and Love in My [illegible]

Cripple reached for stars — and caught a cosmonaut!

Gordon Cassels can't see and can't move his wheelchair in his one-room trailer home, but his tablet entered into the story correctly — when he talked to a Soviet cosmonaut orbiting the Earth! The homeless quadriplegic, who lives in Santa Ana, Calif., has lost his muscle coordination to multiple sclerosis and for years has occupied his time talking to amateur radio operators from around the world. The 37-year-old former firefighter made contact with Col. Vladimir Titov in the space station Mir and had a chat. "His English was better than

s Christmas Message

embrance exclusively for NEWS readers!

h I was a little girl Christmas to me was Mom hanging crepe paper s while 16 little [redacted] handed her tinsel. There were eight of us, he oldest. Tammy, Donny, Larry, Judy, Danny, Johnny, Debby and Mom and Dad.

mas meant new clothes for the church Christmas program. That was so exciting the new clothes happened only twice a year — the other time being Easter.

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Grandma Fair- into our house, her herself up, singing, see, Granny can't the little children? see." Close behind Aunt Gin. A turkey all the trimmings

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u going with Buddy, re big enough, that through the snow to ght Christmas tree. ould ring with the ne and the excited ran. I will never for-

get the wonderful smell of the pine boughs.

Christmas meant loving and caring . . . peace on Earth, goodwill to men.

Now I have a family of my own. Jim, Tammy Sue and Doug and Jamie Charise. Ten hands reaching up to help decorate the Christmas tree. We didn't trudge through the snow to find that tree nestled in the woods. We bought it at the corner lot!

We still have a church Christmas program and we still enjoy getting new clothes for the occasion.

There are no ice skates, snowmen or angels in the snow, as there is no snow. It snows about twice a year in Charlotte, N.C., and Christmas has never been, to my knowledge, one of those two times.

Grandma Fairchild is no longer with us and Aunt Gin lives too far away to pop in on us.

The presents are no longer ordered from a Sears & Roebuck catalog. They come from places called Video Vision, Woolco, K-Mart, Walmart and, yes, sometimes one or two will come from Saks Fifth Avenue.

The fudge still bubbles on the stove when I can locate Grandma's recipe. We still love to sing carols around the piano. I now buy my pine boughs, they smell like Christmas. Christmas still means loving and caring, but what about peace on Earth, goodwill to men?

It seems like all we see anymore on TV or read in our newspapers is man's cruelty to man. Hurting people. Making folks the target of cocktail hour jokes. Courtroom events made public for all to see and public figures constantly fighting the cruel hoe of the rag magazines.

We are living in a society that wants to know, wants to know every sordid detail of the feelings in their fellow man's life. Our society that puts suffering out for all to see.

Now, instead of feeding people to the lions as they did in the Roman Empire, we feed them to TV talk shows, newspapers, magazines and movie theaters. We watch them being devoured alive as we sit back and cheer.

Peace on Earth, goodwill to men — what does that mean to you, my friend?

Does it mean enough to work at making our world a better place to live? Does it mean enough to bind the wounds of the hurting this Christmas season?

Does it mean enough to lay aside your judgment of your fellow man and replace it with love and compassion just one time a year? Do this and you might find our world a wonderful place to live.

Peace on Earth and goodwill toward men.

Maybe, just maybe, someday, like Ebenezer Scrooge, we will be able to carry Christmas in our hearts all year long.

Tammy Faye Bakker

The Bakker family in happier times. Pictured below (clockwise from left) are Tammy Faye, Jim, Tammy Sue and Jamie Charise.

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Burn victim was a pretty woman before fire destroyed her face

"I'M SO UGLY I ONLY GO OUT AT NIGHT!"

AFTER a fire disfigured her face, Jackie Beard is ashamed to go out in public during the day.

By ROB SINGER

Tragic Jackie Beard used to love the sun, but now the ill-fated lady ventures outdoors only in the dead of night — because her once-stunning face is so hideously scarred she's ashamed to be seen!

Hapless Jackie's pretty features were literally melted away by a raging fire that swept through her London, England, apartment two years ago.

And ever since that spine-chilling night, the shell-shocked mom has endured one agonizing operation after another.

But nothing that blistering blaze did to her, and nothing the surgeons have done since, has hurt nearly so much as the thoughtless stares and heartless laughter of strangers on the street.

"People look at you like you just stepped off a spaceship, or like you're something out of a horror movie," shattered Jackie, 31, told reporters.

"Children will point at you and stare, or just walk right up and ask you what's wrong with you. That's bearable, because you understand they don't know any better.

"But when adults point and make faces, that really cuts deep. Until something like this happens to you, you don't realize how cruel people can be."

The once-dazzling divorcee saw her world crash down around her when she was trapped in a raging inferno believed started by her boyfriend's smoldering cigarette.

"My entire body was on fire by the time I got out into the garden," she said. "I really thought I was going to die."

Instead, the luckless lady survived with massive burns from her waist to the top of her head.

"After the fire, my face blew up to the size of a football," she recalled.

"Now it seems I'm constantly undergoing one operation or another.

"I've had so many skin grafts I can't remember them all. I've had operations on my eyelids because I couldn't shut my eyes at night and get some sleep.

"Now when I wake up, it can take me two hours to get my eyes all the way open because the skin is so tight.

"The heat was so intense, several of my fingers curled up and I had to have operations to straighten them.

"I remember when I used to worship the sun. Now I'm so ugly I only go out at night."

And ghastly Jackie knows that no amount of surgery will ever remove the scars that have turned her dream world into a nightmare.

"I've got to just keep battling back, even though I realize I'll never

BRIGHT her horrible accident, Jackie was a beauty who loved the sun.

Bats attack bus

A monstrous swarm of bats swooped out of the night and attacked a bus near Severo, Madagascar, forcing it to stop and trapping 60 passengers inside. The bats left all the

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LITTLE GIRL BURIED IN PLAYHOUSE TOMB!

By DICK DONOVAN

On a plot of ground in the peaceful Alabama countryside, a child's playhouse shelters the cherished dolls — and the little grave — of the tragic imp of a girl who was buried there on Christmas Eve of 1933.

Standing in the Locust Glen Cemetery, its shingled roof and brick walls are a lasting memorial to Nadine Earles, a 5-year-old girl who died suddenly of pneumonia a week before Christmas more than a half-century ago.

By the detail and expertise [illegible] Nadine's playhouse had used every scrap of a child's mind could muster to set her parents blues that, more than anything else, she wanted to have for a playhouse.

It's quite speculative [illegible] and Alma Earles rest in their own graves now — but most likely the loving par-

[illegible] whatever [illegible] with her mother Alma's grave [illegible] of [illegible] in Locust City, Ala.

Heartbroken parents laid 5-year-old to rest on Christmas Eve of 1933

PRECIOUS little Nadine Earles, pictured below, was the light of her parents' life when she died suddenly just before Christmas in 1933 at age 5. The grief-stricken people built the playhouse they had intended as Nadine's Christmas present over the grave and filled it with her favorite dolls and toys and a little tree.

[illegible] and [illegible] little girl so vividly from them, as sure as the sun rises in the east, Nadine would have been enjoying to her very own dream house on that long-ago Christmas morn.

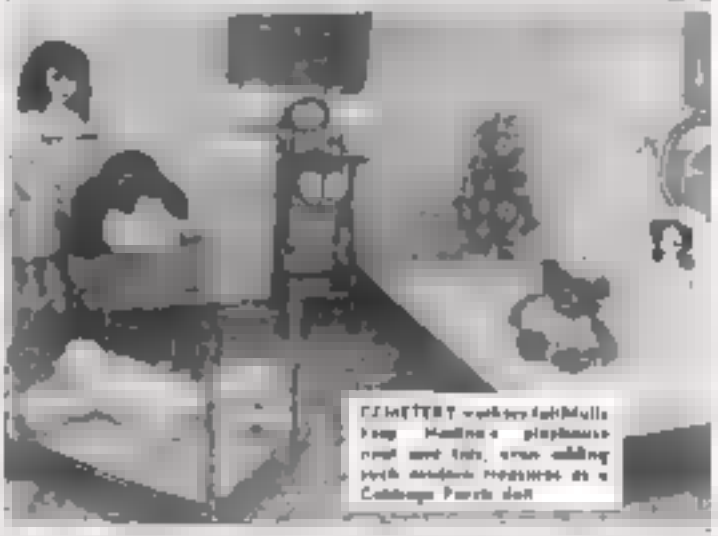
And so in their anguish, Nadine's heartbroken parents resolved not to let their baby's Christmas dream die.

The playhouse was built over Nadine's grave in Locust City Cemetery. Inside, surrounded by her dolls, toys and photographs, a small marble stone bears a bittersweet lament. "Our darling little girl — sweetest in the world Nadine Earles."

Next to it is an artificial Christmas tree and a photo of the girl in a party dress, bobby socks and white shoes.

The bizarre monument with its frilled lace curtains and striped wooden awnings attracts tourists from many other states.

"I haven't been to see it in a long, long time — I've been too sick," Nadine's elderly aunt, Mrs. B.A. Earles told The NEWS. "But the cemetery people keep it looking real pretty."



CEMETERY workers [illegible] keep Nadine's playhouse neat and tidy, even adding fresh outdoor [illegible] at a Christmas Parade [illegible]

Oops! Man who predicted the end of the world in '88 will try again in '89

The author of a book that claimed the world would end last September says he messed up his math — and wants to publish a revised prediction.

Edgar Whisenant of Little Rock, Ark., said the Rapture — the Second Coming of Christ and end of the world as we know it — would occur between September 11 and September 12 in his book, *88 Reasons Why the Rapture Will Be in 1988*. The Rapture — or Second Coming — apparently didn't happen. Now Whisenant says, "In light of new information that we're looking now at 1989 for the Second Coming. But I'm not ready to say for sure because I'm still researching it."

The World Bible Society of Nashville, which published Whisenant's first book, says it may not be ready to back his revision.

"He's going to have to build a very strong case before I publish it again," spokesman Norrell Olive said.

Mom [illegible] son who [illegible] riding [illegible] car hood!

Fun-loving mom [illegible] Diaz often let her [illegible] ride on the [illegible] of her car, until her little boy fell off one day — and was crushed to death under the wheels, cops said.

Her son Jackson, 6, slid off the hood when she hit the brakes and fell in the path of the car.

"The right front tire rolled over his head," said North Carolina State Trooper Tom Brooks.

The grief-stricken mother has been charged with misdemeanor death by vehicle. She could go to prison for two years.

Mrs. Diaz, 36, often drove with her son and daughter, Dallie, 8, on the hood of her '78 Ford "because it was fun," cops said. On the day of the tragedy, her son Jackson was riding on the hood as Mrs. Diaz drove to a store to buy lemonade for milk.

"They stopped to pick up her husband Leonardo and her daughter Dalice who were walking along the road," said Trooper Brooks. "They climbed on the hood on both sides of Jackson."

The little girl turned around and hollered to Mrs. Diaz, "Mommy, turn quicker," according to Trooper Brooks. "Mrs. Diaz spun the tires in gravel when she accelerated," he said.

Mrs. Diaz had gone only a block or two when she realized she was going too fast, said the trooper.

"She applied the brakes and Jackson tumbled off the hood and under the wheels," said Trooper Brooks.

Her husband and little daughter also fell off the hood, but fortunately they weren't injured.

The horrified mom jumped out of car to tend to her son, but in her haste she accidentally put the car in reverse instead of park.

The car backed over her son's body before she could stop it, said Trooper Brooks.

— JACK ALEXANDER

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Fatso sailors sink their boat

Fat pals Tony Pass and Gareth Evans stood up at the same end of a broad-beam boat — and sank it!

The would-be sailors from Porthcawl, Wales, were out for a test run in the 16-foot vessel when the engine began to sputter and cough and then conked out.

The two men — who have a combined weight of 518 pounds — shook up at the stern to fiddle with the motor. And when they did the nose of the boat shot up in the air — and they stood down in the sea.

The boat smashed to pieces on the rocks, and the hefty pair were rescued a short time later.

"I'm going on a diet — it's that or buy a bigger boat," said Evans, 34.

Now that's incredible!

A high school football team from St. Edward, Nebr., beat nearby Silver Creek, 76-60, as star fullback Chad Hirsh galloped for an amazing 666 yards — and scored an incredible nine touchdowns.

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A holida[illegible] miracle to warm your heart!

Poor widow finds $22G diamond — in her Christmas ham!

JEANETTE Bourgoin, below, got plenty of presents under the tree for her kids this year.

By MINAT WEBER

A poor family of five is going to have its best Christmas ever — after finding a $22,000 diamond in a canned ham that was donated for the holidays!

"There really is a Santa Claus. I know there must be. How else could this have happened?" Jeanette Bourgoin asked newsmen near Marseilles, France.

"I didn't think I'd be able to give the children anything for Christmas. Now I can buy them whatever they want. I'm just thankful we opened it before Christmas. I'm so grateful. I think I'm going to cry."

The mind-boggling Christmas miracle couldn't have happened to a more deserving lady.

According to newspapers, Mrs. Bourgoin has four children ages 10 to 14 — and has worked two jobs to make ends meet since her husband died in 1978.

"Ever since my husband died, life has been difficult," said Mrs. Bourgoin. "But it is these last couple of years that have been really hard on us.

"We've been hard-to-nouth at the best of times."

All that changed when the woman opened the small canned ham that a charity gave to her family for the Christmas season. Right there in the gel that surrounds the meat was a huge, sparkling four-carat diamond.

"I didn't know if it was real or not but I took it to a jeweler anyway," said Mrs. Bourgoin.

"I offered to sell it to him for enough money to buy the kids some Christmas gifts. He looked at me like I was crazy and said 'Lady, this diamond is flawless. It's worth a mint.'"

In fact, the jeweler said the diamond is an unidentified buyer for $22,000. After deducting his own 10 percent commission, Mrs. Bourgoin was left with a whopper $19,800.

Just how the diamond got into the canned ham remains a mystery. Agriculture department spokesman Paul Gillet said it is possible that a pig ate the gem.

But he is more inclined to believe that someone played the switching gets inside the can before it was sealed.

"It's a miracle no matter how it got there," said Mrs. Bourgoin. "It's going to give my family a Christmas we'll never forget."

Incredibly enough, this isn't the first time a poor French family has found a treasure in a packaged product so close to Christmas.

According to newspaper reports, an elderly husband and wife found a $3,000 ruby ring in a French turkey in 1988.

'There really is a Santa Claus,' says happy mom

Judge makes con 'write' his wrong

Troublemaker Steven Semmer was sentenced to a year in jail for hiring a policeman — and was ordered to write "People do not have to put up with a jerk like me" 100 times a day while he's serving out his term in the pokey.

A judge in a Wausau, Wis., court also ordered the 19-year-old prisoner to pay restitution to the policeman he clobbered.

Landlords will stop banning little boys

Owners of an apartment complex have agreed to stop banning unmarried couples if they have little boys.

Federal officials accused Don and Richard Allen, owners of an 141-apartment complex in Mercer Dale, of discriminating against

preference first to renters with no children, then families with children under 3 and then families with girl children.

"We have to evict more families with boys than girls," said Don Allen. "You have

Bear hug shocker!

Weight lifter squeezes his dad to death, say cops!

A burly, 238-pound weight lifter put a bear hug on his frail father during a family quarrel, cops said — and crushed him to death.

Joseph Saraceno, a 6-foot-2 bruiser, was jailed without bond on a murder charge in the death of his 150-pound dad, John Saraceno, 58.

"Practically every bone in the old man's body above the waist was broken," said Hollywood, Fla., police spokesman David Steele. "His ribs were crushed and they punctured his lungs," said Steele.

"He literally had the life squeezed out of him in a matter of seconds."

Saraceno, 37, lived with his parents and was "very close" to his father, Steele said. The suspect's mother discovered the body when she returned home from work.

Neighbors said Saraceno and his daddy were inseparable and often seen walking together.

Cops have no clues as to what prompted the argument.

Teens hurt on tumbling hayride

Two teens were hospitalized when a hayride went haywire and the wagon tipped over go-ing down a steep, winding road.

Cops have arrested the driver, John Fairchor, 34, for public intoxication. They say he may have been drunk at the time of the accident in Indianapolis, Ind.

"He was acting a little crazy and he was going too fast," said Mark Lewis, 18, one of the injured.

"He was going about 30 miles per hour when this happened," he said.

About 40 teenagers were in a couple of wagons being pulled by a tractor driven by Fairchor.

Lisa Aust, 14, suffered internal injuries.

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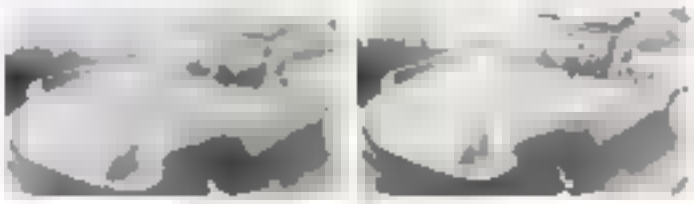

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Cop breaks his hand trying to punch out an 85-lb. pit bull!

A cop tried to punch out a burly pit bull who had his partner pinned to the ground — and broke his hand.

Trenton, N.J., officer Dennis DeBello, a former boxer, was surprised his punch didn't knock out the 85-pound brute named Bruiser, who was hustled away from the scene as a friend of the owner.

Officer DeBello said he would have shot the dog if it hadn't been step his partner. Al Fiagenti, who was bitten in the stomach by the 100-lb pit bull.

The dog's owner was arrested on various charges. He said he loved the dog as them.

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Young lovers get married —60 years later!

SWEETHEARTS Nathan and Martha — these 60 years ago in photo at right — finally get back together recently to write a happy ending to their tale they had to delay by marrying

It was definitely love at first sight for Nathan Symons and Martha Glasgow — but the childhood sweethearts waited 60 long years before they finally tied the knot.

"It's like something out of a fairy tale," bubbled the 75-year-old bride. "We knew from the first moment we met that we were meant for each other — would love each other forever."

By JOHN BLACKBURN

But the parents of the Pittsburgh, Pa., teens thought they were too young for marriage back in 1920 and explained Nathan, now 77, "We just drifted apart and went our separate ways."

Each found another mate, married and raised a family. But neither was able to erase the memory of that first tender romance.

"I thought of Nathan often," Martha said, "and when I was widowed after 38 years of marriage I decided to find out what had happened to my sweetheart from so long ago."

Through a mutual friend, Martha, who was living with her sister, Mildred, in Field Eagle, Pa., learned that Nathan, still a Pittsburgh resident, also had been widowed.

"I talked Mildred into playing matchmaker by inviting Nathan to visit us," Martha laughingly recalled.

"And when I saw him and he saw me, those 60 years just melted away. We knew we loved each other — and we'd never be separated again."

Deer hunters bag kidnapping suspect

Three hunters didn't see any deer in the woods of New Hampshire, but they did catch a young kidnapping suspect.

Peter Marvin, 21, of Woburn, Mass., was captured as he stumbled through the brush in Exeter, N.H. He was accused of kidnapping a former girlfriend in Woburn.

Hunter Jeffrey Reynolds told he and two friends were on the roadside having lunch when a state trooper stopped and warned them that Marvin was on the loose in the area.

Right after lunch they heard shots like sounds and, about 50 yards into the brush, heard leaves rustling.

"Here's the kid," Reynolds said. "He was dirty and scratched up. Who else could it be?"

The three hunters escorted Marvin at gunpoint to the road, where they flagged down police.

Gals are smoking more cigarettes

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Nice guy blows away his wife because she wronged his buddy

Justice-bent Frank Dunn was so humiliated after his wife robbed his best buddy and got away with it — that he took a gun and blew her away.

And after shooting Ruth Ann Dunn, the distraught 44-year-old Oklahoma City, Okla., man ended his life by putting the barrel in his hand and pulling the trigger.

"She felt betrayed, it was a humiliation," said Dunn's attorney, Bob Moore Jr. "Frank felt his wife had messed up everyone's lives. He felt no one had done anything to her about the robbery. She made a fool of him. He felt responsible for how that nobody else would see justice done."

Dunn's wife Ruth Ann, 41, admitted to police that she had planned the 1986 robbery of Frank's home and best friend Darryl Warren.

She told police she and her next-in-line, Elizabeth Ann Dunn, 19, found "a guy named Sonny" to scare Warren's home, told Warren's wife Cheryl at gunpoint and rob the family safe of $80,000.

Eventually Ruth Ann testified against her sister-in-law and James Louis "Sonny" Gerson, 39, in exchange for immunity from prosecution.

Elizabeth Dunn was given seven years in prison for the crime. Gerson, who had an alibi, was eventually acquitted. The Dunns divorced, but Frank Dunn was still devastated by his wife's crime.

"The people involved could never understand why nothing was done to Ruth Ann," Moore told The NEWS. "If she'd gone to jail she'd have paid her dues.

"Darryl Warren was like a brother to Frank and Cheryl Warren, his wife, was Ruth Ann's best friend. The last person Frank talked to was Warren.

"Warren tried to talk him out of it, but Frank killed himself and her. It was a terrible thing, a very sad thing."

Two days before the second anniversary of the robbery, Frank went to his wife's home and shot her. Then he put a gun in his own head and ended the nightmare he had lived since he found out his wife was a criminal.

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Santa Claus towed more than 12 tons of donated gifts and candy to the assigned metropolis from a storybook-like train on November 15, an annual event that's been held for 66 years.

"I have people tell me they come as a child and now are bringing their grandchildren," said Frank Brogden, who has presided as the choo-choo's St. Nick the past four years.

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World's fastest one-legged man!

INCREDIBLE? determined Dennis Oehler hasn't let the pain and frustration of losing his right leg keep him from becoming the world's fastest amputee.

By JOE BERGER

Heartsick soccer star Dennis Oehler watched his world come crashing down around him four years ago when a traffic accident tore off his right leg.

But when the anguish subsided and his competitive instincts kicked in, determined Dennis, 28, picked up the pieces — and became the fastest one-legged human who ever lived!

At the Paralympic Games in Korea last fall, the fleet-footed family man — sprinting on one flesh-and-bone leg and one artificial limb — zipped 100 meters in an eye-blinking 11.73 seconds.

That's just two seconds slower than the world record held by two-legged Ben Johnson of Canada.

"When I hit that tape, that was the most exciting moment of my life," recalled the Valley Stream, N.Y., real estate salesman. "There were 30,000 people in the stands — all cheering me."

The amazing tale of tragedy-turned-triumph began one rain-soaked night in 1984 as Dennis tried to push a friend's stalled car to the curb.

Suddenly, another car roared out of the darkness and crushed man him from behind, crushing his right leg — and his dreams of a pro soccer career.

Doctors removed what was left of his mangled leg just below the knee, plunging the shattered athlete into a period of physical recuperation and readjustment to the life of an amputee.

He's only 2 seconds slower than the record holder with 2 legs!

For awhile he was so weak his father had to help him take a shower.

"I was feeling pretty low there for a while," he admitted candidly.

But within months, never-say-die Dennis was back in action, training harder on one leg than he'd ever trained on two.

"I came to see that my disability now is only a frame of mind," he said.

And by 1987, the soft-spoken salesman's life had taken amazing strides, both on and off the track. He was married, had a beautiful baby daughter — and had become the fastest one-legged man who ever lived, with a 100-meter time of just over 13 seconds.

But that was not good enough. Speedy Dennis vowed to break the magic 12-second barrier at the 1988 Paralympic Games in Seoul.

And as 30,000 admiring fans stood and cheered, the rapid-fire did just that — pulling himself within a couple of seconds of the fastest human ever. He also set records for 200 meters and 400 meters.

Now, having harbored to heights no disabled athlete ever reached before, Dennis is looking for a competitive comparison to sharpen his training for the 1992 Paralympics — where he hopes to lower the 100-meter record to an incredible 11 seconds or less.

And why not, asks his coach, David Bailey.

"You see," Bailey said, "he's the best that's ever been."

Oldster stores coffin under bed till he needs it!

An elderly man who says he doesn't want a big fuss made over his funeral arrangements sleeps with a $125 coffin under his bed.

Teddy Corbett-Winder, 72, of Exeter, England, paid a carpenter to build the coffin and bought a $65 cemetery plot, so his friends and relatives won't have to worry about taking care of his funeral when the time comes.

A friend with a station wagon has offered to drive Corbett-Winder to his final resting place.

Meanwhile, Corbett-Winder keeps dirty laundry in the coffin, which he stores under his bed.

Sweden is heaven for spies & terrorists

Sweden is proud of its open-door policy toward political refugees — but its hospitality has made it a favorite playground for spies and terrorists.

Cops in Stockholm say 15 or 20 deadly international terrorists live in their [illegible] country is the price we pay for our open society," said Ernster Hansen, head of the anti-terrorist section of the Security Police.

Sweden also has become a haven for [illegible]

Let her hang, police operator tells frantic hubby of suicide wife!

After finding his suicidal wife nearly dead and hanging by the neck, a man frantically phoned for help — but was told not to cut his wife down by a police operator who assumed the woman was already dead!

Authorities said six critical minutes passed between the time Keith Storey came home to find his wife, Pat, dangling in a stairwell and the time paramedics arrived and cut her down.

According to British officials, Storey was in a panic when he found his wife and dialed a London emergency number for help.

An emergency operator who answered Storey's call was already dead, warned him not to touch any "evidence" until the rescuers arrived.

"I wouldn't have hesitated to cut her down had I thought there was any hope," Storey said. "I just took the operator's advice. My wife was sitting a desperate plea for help which went wrong."

Paramedics cut the 31-year-old housewife down and managed to revive her, but Mrs. Storey died at a hospital 11 days later from complications resulting from her suicide attempt. At a coroner's hearing called to review the facts surrounding the woman's death, London police operator Ann Little defended her advice to Storey.

"There was no doubt in my mind he was telling me she was dead," the operator said.

"While preservation of life is the most important thing, evidence has to be the next best priority," Miss Little explained.

— PETE COOKE

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Judge gives 14-year-old custody of her criminal dad!

A man set to begin serving a prison term for tax evasion was instead released — in the custody of his 14-year-old daughter!

"I must say everybody was shocked," U.S. District Judge Leonard Wexler said of his unusual custody order in federal court in Hauppauge, N.Y.

The unidentified girl had left her mother's home in Florida and moved in with her father, William Batyreon, in his Pennsauken, N.J., home only a few days before he was scheduled to report to prison.

"She had no place else to go," Judge Wexler explained. "It looked like she was running into problems and I didn't want her to suffer because of the father."

Technically, the judge had merely postponed the start of Batyreon's six-month sentence. He said he will review the case in six months.

"Your actions will determine whether your father goes to jail," the judge warned the girl, who must adhere to a strict curfew and promptly bar her father to a family counselor.

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LIFE AFTER DEATH

LOVING SPIRIT — Maggie Keel holds picture of dead son Darrell whose spirit she says keeps alive this Christmas tree.

By SUSAN ANDISON

In a heartwarming gesture of love from beyond the grave, a dead boy has consoled his grieving mother by keeping the family Christmas tree bright and green — even though it was cut just after he died in 1985!

The tree, first featured in The NEWS in the spring of 1986, still has all its needles. After three years it still stands, fully decorated, in the spot where Maggie Keel put it when she dedicated it to her son Darrell.

"Darrell, there isn't much I can give you for Christmas," Maggie murmured through her tears as she decorated the evergreen. "But I decided on the blue and silver tree you always wanted.

"It will remain standing until you decide the toddler should fall.

"I love you so."

Incredibly, Maggie's dead son responded to the grief and devotion of his heartbroken mother with a message of joy-ous hope.

He has preserved the beautiful Christmas tree just as it was for all time.

"Every needle is still in its place," Maggie told The NEWS. "It is just as it was when I put it up.

"Every time I look at it I think of Darrell and I whisper a little prayer of thanks. I know he is telling me there is life after death, and that has brought me a great deal of comfort."

Darrell was only 20-year-old when his young life was snuffed out in a tragic car wreck in August 1985 near the Keel home in North Palm Beach. Six months later, Maggie bought a Fraser fir from her supermarket and brought it home to decorate her dead son wanted that Christmas. And she dedicated the majestic tree to Darrell, the youngest of her four children.

Spirit of dead son keeps tree green year after year

Although similar Fraser firs the family had had through the years always dropped their needles within weeks, Darrell's tree was different. It lasted and lasted, just as his mother's love and warm memories have done.

"Now I associate this tree with everlasting life," Maggie said.

"And I want to share this with others."

While nothing can replace her love, the tree has given Maggie hope. "I know there are a lot of people who have lost loved ones.

"This is proof of life after death.

"I hope Darrell's message will comfort other people as it has comforted me."

Killer gas is good for you, says startling new report

After all we've heard about the dangers of radioactive radon in our homes, scientists have come up with startling news: Radon may actually be good for us!

The odorless gas, found in millions of American homes, has long been thought to promote cancer. But the latest research now indicates that radon may actually be lower than normal in U.S. counties where radon levels are highest. According to research conducted by Bernard Cohen at the University of Pittsburgh, "there's a strong tendency for counties that have high radon levels to have low lung cancer rates."

Other studies that show the same thing.

One, a survey of lung cancer rates in Finland, where radon levels indoors are about 2-3 times the world average, demonstrated that the female lung cancer rate was only about 70 percent of the average for industrial-

'Blind' man's $825G bluff fails — he can see!

Super-liar Lowell Hedgecorth had almost conned the feds out of $825,000 with a blind man's bluff until his neighbors told cops he could see as good as they could.

Hedgecorth, 54, convinced a judge four years ago that he suffered a stroke while taking a routine stress test at a VA hospital and has been blind ever since then.

In 1985, U.S. District Judge Edward L. Filippine awarded the Vietnam vet and his wife $825,000 in damages.

"That's when his neighbors began calling," said Assistant U.S. Attorney James Stacy in St. Louis, Missouri. "They had seen him ordering from a menu, mowing his lawn, playing cards and even driving a car."

Hedgecorth never received a dime of the $825,000 because Judge Filippine overturned his ruling on jilt and a grand jury indicted Hedgecorth on six charges.

A federal jury recently found him guilty of three counts of perjury and three counts of conspiracy to cheat and steal.

"He faked out the judge the first time with his best and an Academy Award acting performance," prosecutor Stacy told The NEWS. "He wore dark glasses, stumbled up to the witness stand ... the whole works."

An ophthalmologist testified as the results of a field vision test he had given Hedgecorth, which apparently showed he had some problems seeing, said Stacy.

But when the neighbors appealed to the cops that Hedgecorth was faking, he was forced to undergo more detailed tests that measured his vision.

"Our investigation showed we had lied to the witness stand to Judge Filippine about his blindness," said Stacy. "And our testing showed he could see as good as his neighbors."

A neuroradiologist also testified that Hedgecorth's brain showed no evidence of suffering the kind of stroke necessary to blind him.

Hedgecorth still insists he is blind despite his friend's testimony.

His lawyer, Thomas Cotter, presented witnesses who knew of blind people who occasionally drove cars.

Cotter said Hedgecorth had simply adapted well to his disability.

Stacy said Hedgecorth spearheaded a racketeering fraud for the killing of a junior college coed at St. Louis.

"He wears the dark glasses, feels his way around ... etc." the prosecutor said.

Hedgecorth faces up to 50 years in prison and a $1.5 million fine. No charges were filed against his wife. She wasn't called as a witness at either trial.

— JACK ALEXANDER

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Scientists say time travel is ... possibility

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According to the experts, the theory holds that gravity alters space and time.

In an area of extremely high gravity, space might actually be warped into a tunnel that could lead us back into time.

Drs. Thorne and Yurtsever of the California Institute of Technology and Dr. Morris of the University of Wisconsin published their findings in the prestigious science journal Physical Review Letters.

MRS. ROSE WHITE
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DRUG SMUGGLER SENTENCED TO LIVE WITH AIDS VICTIMS!

LOYAL wife Sandrine Prager left, has agreed to risk her own health by living and working with her convicted drug smuggler husband. Harvey, right, is a boon for dying AIDS patients

By JACK ALEXANDER

A convicted international drug smuggler dodged a 15-year prison sentence, but he must spend the next five years with the living dead — caring for dying AIDS victims.

Harvey Prager was ordered to set up a hospice-type home for AIDS patients within a year. Meanwhile, he must spend 40 hours a week with them, even inviting them to his home for dinner — and risk catching the horrible disease.

"Death will be Prager's next door neighbor for the next five years," said Dr Owen Pickus, an AIDS specialist who is treating Prager, 44, in Portland, Maine.

Judge Gene Carter handed down the bizarre sentence recently after Prager was convicted of smuggling $80 million worth of Colombian marijuana into the U.S. between 1979 and 1981.

"I wished to give him a taste of prison life," said Assistant U.S. Attorney Joseph Groff. "But the judge thought this was a better alternative and he might be right."

Under the terms of Prager's five-year probation, he must live with the AIDS patients once the hospice is opened. He will be responsible for feeding, clothing, bathing and giving medication to them. He'll get free room and board but no pay.

"If Prager doesn't have his non-profit foundation set up to run the hospice within a year, he must go back to the judge and explain why," said Groff.

"Failure that was one of the main terms of his probation, the judge could revoke the probation and send him to prison," said Groff.

There is a chance that Prager and his wife, Sandrine, who wants to work with him, could be infected with the deadly AIDS virus.

"This is not an risk-free [illegible] to jail," explained Dr Pickus.

Many people in Portland were outraged that Prager escaped prison time. Others supported the judge's order, pointing out he saved taxpayers $30,000 a year for the 15 years Prager might have served in prison.

Animal rescue officer shoots mad dog — & its owner!

By DICK DONOVAN

Dog owner Stephen White had a hopping mad — because an animal rescue officer shot him in the foot by mistake.

The 30-year-old Whitehaven was shot after he called an RSPCA officer to destroy a greyhound that had gone off its rocker.

"The officer shot the dog in the head," Whitehaven said from his bed in West Wales General Hospital in Glangwili. "But the bullet passed clean through the dog and went into my right foot.

"There I was holding the dog steady so the officer could get off a clean shot. I heard the bang of the gun and realised I'd been shot."

"I was absolutely astonished. It was a most horrifying experience, to say the least.

"I'm very seriously thinking of suing the RSPCA for damages and to recover my lost income," the self-employed engineer said.

A spokesman for the RSPCA described the incident as "very regrettable" and said an investigation will be launched.

"The dog was shot with the bullet ricocheted," the official said. "It was quite obviously an accident."

"Stephen just sat up approaching job," said his wife Debbie. "He's really hopping mad."

Man saves robin & gets a pal for life

Kindly Terry Cutler saved a little robin from dying of starvation — and found himself saddled with a feathered friend for life!

The grateful little critter shows up at his back door each day, chirping to be let into the house.

It sits on the kitchen table, begging for crumbs and other snacks, and showers in the kitchen sink.

And guys that anything else, the robin loves to ride pickup truck. Terry rescued the bird from the middle of a street. It was near death from starvation and he didn't hold much hope that it would survive. But then he noticed the robin gobbled down 23 wiggly worms in five hours!

Zoo puts fat gorilla gals on diets

How do you tell a 272-pound lady gorilla she's too fat?

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And veterinarians at Chicago's famed Lincoln Park Zoo didn't. They just put blueberry Terra and her 230-pound girlfriend Lenore on low-fat crash diets.

Chief zoo veterinarian Tom Meehan said the two gorillas have been put on diets in the hope of increasing their chances of having babies.

HIT-AND-RUN HORROR

Young girl is hit by 20 speeding [redacted] — and no one stops to help!

By JOE BERGER

Panic-stricken little schoolgirl Gaelle Gombert stepped onto a roadway to flag down help for her critically-injured dad — and was run over by at least 20 heartless hit-and-run drivers!

Courageous Gaelle, 13, was battered to death by a score of speeding cars as her little sisters, ages 3 and 6, watched in horror.

And none of the 20 drivers who ran over the child's crumpled body even bothered to stop.

"The poor girl didn't have a chance," shocked cop Claude Baumgart told reporters in Paris, France.

"She just wanted to help her father, but the way those cars were flying, they weren't about to stop.

"They did not even care enough to stop after they'd killed her."

The nightmarish tragedy began when a car driven by Gaelle's dad Daniel overturned on a freeway across road south-east of Paris.

His father was knocked unconscious in the crash, but gutsy Gaelle managed to pull him from the wreckage. Then she and her two sisters walked to the highway to get help.

But the first car Gaelle tried to flag down struck her and tossed her 50 feet into the middle of the highway — where she lay after another sped over her broken body.

"It was getting dark, the traffic was light," Lieutenant Baumgart said later. "The drivers who hit her had to know they were striking a human being. Carmakers still topped she was hit by 20 cars."

The next day a 30-year-old woman driving a blood-spattered sports car turned herself in admitting she was one of the hit-and-run killers.

"She said she didn't stop to help little Gaelle because her own child was with her and she didn't want to injure her child," Baumgart said.

The unidentified woman has been charged with involuntary manslaughter, failing to stop after an accident and refusing to help someone in distress.

Daniel Gombert, Gaelle's father, later died in a hospital.

Cadillac of lemons!

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By Countess Sophie Sabich

ARIES

Mar. 21-Apr. 19

Look before you leap or you may be sorry. You have a tendency to move before you think and this could get you in a whole lot of trouble.

You'll soon take a wild ride on a romantic merry-go-round with that someone you've always considered a friend but never a lover. Hang on to your hat.

Big bucks are heading your way because of a chance meeting with an old pal. Take your friend's advice, but don't take anything for granted.

TAURUS

Apr. 20-May 20

Try to be more understanding of other people's problems. You're so engrossed with your own. We think you don't realize that others need your help.

Check your shoes thoroughly before putting them on. There could be some unwanted surprises lurking inside that you may not like.

A certain person with the financial ability to give you comfort and pleasure is in your immediate future.

Guess a segment that month.

GEMINI

May 21-June 20

You're toting rubbish quite long get the better of you. Your cutting are doing's doing you're unthinkful. Remember, being as a that doesn't mean you don't look at the mirror!

Don't be extravagant this week. A super-duper deal will be yours — if you've got the ready cash.

Here is more fun as you can for as long as you can. You're about to be hooked up the corporate ladder and, while it means bigger bucks, it also means work, work, work!

CANCER

June 21-July 22

Lucky you! A very sweet admirer is doing something spectacular for you behind your back and the payoff could come this week. Don't be too proud to accept a favor that could change your life forever. That smile of yours is worth a million bucks.

A new supervisor is trying to meddle in your affairs. Keep your eyes open and your mouth shut.

Good fortune comes in a day package. Don't let it get lost in the shuffle.

LEO

July 23-Aug. 22

You've got to be more appreciative if you expect to accomplish important goals. Put your nose in the grindstone and go after what's really meaningful to you — before it's too late!

Romantically this can be a banner week. Because the opposite sex finds you especially attractive just now, you should socialize, socialize, socialize to take advantage.

A close friend needs your advice and is [illegible] for it. Find out the [illegible] to help.

VIRGO

Aug. 23-Sept. 22

It's time to change your office wardrobe. Unexpected pleasure is the key to success. Lately, you've been looking like the hind end of a '37 Packard.

You've got a great young thing's heart all aflutter with great expectations. You're still not the stuff heroes are made of. What are you waiting for?

Today is the first day of the rest of your life. So make this the week you turn things around and get on the track to happiness.

LIBRA

Sept. 23-Oct. 22

A once-in-a-lifetime opportunity will land in your lap in the very near future and you should take advantage of it immediately.

Talk it over with friends and family, but don't make them or you'll miss the boat.

A new acquaintance has an unusual request that you should consider very carefully before agreeing to get involved. Trust your instincts above and accept nothing on blind faith.

Invest some money this week.

SCORPIO

Oct. 23-Nov. 21

You are about to embark on the biggest adventure of your life and will have to rely on your wits to overcome the incredible challenges ahead. Trust your instincts and everything will turn out right.

An important project needs your undivided attention now. Stop making excuses and get to work on this matter right away or you will regret it later.

A late-night call from an old friend brings good news. This surprising message is a blockbuster.

SAGITTARIUS

Nov. 22-Dec. 21

You have a sense of adventure and enthusiasm that draws others to you. Project this joy to life by avoiding boring people and routine jobs. One day this quality will lead to great success in your work.

Someone will offer you a gift this week, but you'd be well advised not to accept it. There are strings attached.

You're planning a trip and that's fine — but don't schedule it for this month. You'll have a much better time if you look at a few weeks.

CAPRICORN

Dec. 22-Jan. 19

The answer to a nagging problem at work is in plain to the most on your face. If you take a few messages to reflect, you'll know exactly what has to be done to clear the situation up quickly.

Luck is with you and a search of your mind, stocks or investment would be most beneficial. You might even find a valuable interloper!

A late-night phone call could bring news of the best news you've heard recently.

Ask the Countess

Countess Sophie Sabich offers ASTRO readers personal advice based on your horoscope. For answers to your questions about your future, include your date of birth and address before to Countess Sophie Sabich, Weekly World News, 600 S. East Coast Ave., Lantana, Fla. 33462.

Dear Countess Sabich: I am a stout, 75-year-old gentleman and a Capricorn who still believes in Lady Luck. What's in store for me? — F.C., Fishermanville, N.Y.

Dear F.C. Shedding 30 pounds may add 15 years to your life and bring romance.

An extra carefree traveling by car in February. Parking lot misadventure could be extremely hazardous.

AQUARIUS

Jan. 20-Feb. 18

You are trampling all over somebody's tender feelings and doing irreparable damage. Later you will regret this. Start now to treat everyone you come in contact with gently.

A long and happy love affair is coming to an end, but don't despair. It's right that you should be on your own for a while before you meet your true life's companion.

Too many distractions have closed you off from the simple pleasures you used to enjoy. Make a promise to yourself to live a healthier life.

PISCES

Feb. 19-Mar. 20

Hey, fuddy-duddy, it's time to kick up your heels a little. Quit fretting over trifles, substitute your starched shirt — and go for it! Life can be a ball, but not with a scowl plastered across your face. Loosen up and smile, will you?

Go first class this week or don't go at all. Being cheap and cutting corners could cause trouble.

A minor gamble could make a dream come true by week's end. Big revenge with common sense and it will pay off handsomely.

Your Lucky Lottery Numbers

Readers all over the country are using Countess Sabich's Lucky Lottery Numbers to help them win big bucks. You will find the Countess' Lucky Numbers right here each week to help you become a winner, too! To find your Lucky Numbers, simply look them up under your birth sign in the chart below. For extra luck, throw in your birthdate.

Aries	Mar. 21–Apr. 19	3, 17, 21, 28, 34, 39	Libra	Sept. 23–Oct. 22	7, 13, 18, 24, 25, 36
Taurus	Apr. 20–May 20	2, 10, 14, 20, 23, 37	Scorpio	Oct. 23–Nov. 21	2, 12, 20, 24, 30, 33
Gemini	May 21–June 20	5, 11, 15, 27, 31, 37	Sagittarius	Nov. 22–Dec. 21	4, 14, 19, 23, 25, 27
Cancer	June 21–July 22	6, 14, 18, 23, 33, 38	Capricorn	Dec. 22–Jan. 19	1, 10, 16, 20, 28, 34
Leo	July 23–Aug. 22	1, 12, 13, 18, 21, 29	Aquarius	Jan. 20–Feb. 18	6, 14, 15, 26, 30, 35
Virgo	Aug. 23–Sept. 22	3, 13, 17, 22, 24, 32	Pisces	Feb. 19–Mar. 20	8, 13, 18, 21, 22, 31

Michelle Lynn loves keeping in shape playing volleyball on California's sunny beaches when she's not auditioning for acting roles. Already, the hazel-eyed blonde has added a role in the TV pilot series "Hollywood Hotel."

Doc enlarges only one breast of his patient's chest [illegible]

By BEATRICE BEXTER

Legalized secretary Janine LaMoir is suing her plastic surgeon, claiming he became so angry when her check bounced that he deliberately gave her mismatched mammaries.

In a suit taken civil court in Nice, France, the 37-year-old divorcee accused Dr Remo Dutrust of giving her a breast lift and enlargement operation on one side of her chest only. She says that he found out during surgery that her payment deposit check had been returned, and performed only half of the procedure in retaliation.

"Actually, it was a bank error — but Dr Dutrust didn't want to find out," she said in testimony. "He was angry and he took his right out on me by deliberately mutilating me."

"When I woke up from surgery, I had one large breast jutting out like a young woman's and the other looking tiny and terrible. Now I'm going to have to undergo surgery again to even things up."

Attorneys for Dr Dutrust deny that the difference between Miss LaMoir's breasts is the result of any deliberate action on the surgeon's part. They say the physician had customarily neglected to operate on the woman's right breast, thinking he had already done so.

But Miss LaMoir says a nurse told her while she was in the hospital that Dr. Dutrust changed his plans for the surgery while the operation was underway.

"He was finished with the left breast when he received a phone call from his office," Miss LaMoir said. "He told the nurses he was interrupting the operation because he hadn't been paid.

"He finished suturing the left breast and then left the like the way I was without touching the right one. The nurse says everyone knew he was planning to do both breasts before the phone call."

The brunette patient says her botched bust operation has left her depressed and disturbed. She is asking $800,000 for her emotional distress and $1,000,000 in punitive damages.

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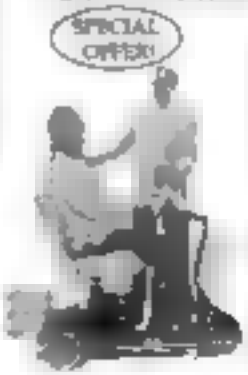

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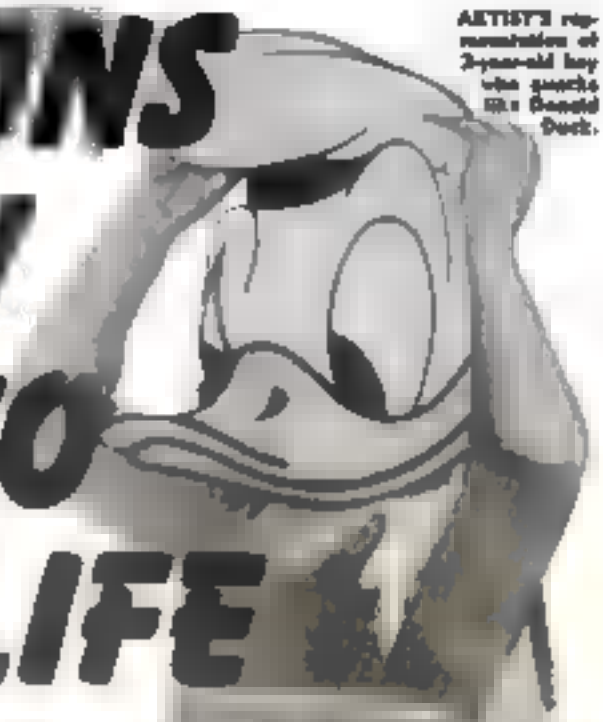

ARTIST'S representation of 3-year-old boy who quacks like Donald Duck.

A 3-year-old boy who watched Donald Duck videos from morning to night started quacking like the cartoon character — and now he can't stop!

"It's incredible. It's bizarre," pediatrician Geoffrey Perham told reporters in Plymouth, England.

"The child's voice is squeaky and raspy just like Donald Duck's.

"He even speaks of himself as what you would call it, in short, clipped sentences and he squeaks when he gets excited. It sounds comical but it's really quite serious.

"His speech development has been impaired, possibly forever."

Dr. Perham refused to identify the cartoon kid other than by age and sex. He did say that the child's parents are weak-kneed and have had a heavy race for him since birth.

"They didn't seem to be too bothered initially when they brought him in for a checkup," said Dr. Perham.

"In fact, when I asked them about it they just shrugged and said, 'Well, he likes cartoons.' I investigated and found that the boy likes Donald Duck and had watched cartoon videos up to nine hours a day for almost three years.

"His whole life literally revolved around Donald and he hates all the screen."

Dr. Perham said he urged the boy's parents to consult with a psychologist but they wouldn't hear of it. And they have now started to encourage and cite like a cartoon character," said the pediatrician. "Needless to say, he's go

He doesn't talk — he quacks!

other city without leaving any forwarding address so the doctor has not been able to stay in touch with them.

"This tragic little boy still ing to have a hard go of it if he doesn't get help. Everybody's going to treat him like he's a real-life Donald Duck."

— STAFF STORY

Gifts in 'Twelve Days of Christmas' would cost a whopping $67,745.74

If your true love wanted to buy you the gifts mentioned in the song *Twelve Days of Christmas*, it would cost a staggering $67,745.74!

That price tag represents slightly over a 1 percent drop in the cost of items like swans a-swimming and partridges in pear trees, according to an economist at Provident National Bank in Philadelphia.

We called the bank about the report. The entertainment industry always thinks lady pipers piping and drummers drumming," Patrick Bradley, a vice president of the bank, told The NEWS.

Bradley said the traditional rewards section of the bank has been compiling the Christmas figures — called the Christmas Price Index — for four years now. Some items have remained the same, some have risen slightly in price and others have fallen, he said.

Item by item, here's what the Twelve Days of Christmas gifts would cost this year:

- A partridge in a pear tree, $39.95, down $5.
- Two turtle doves, $50, unchanged.
- Three French hens, $15, unchanged.
- Four calling birds, $295, unchanged.
- Five gold rings, $625, down $125.
- Six geese-a-laying, $150, unchanged.
- Seven swans-a-swimming, $7,000, unchanged.
- Eight maids-a-milking, $34.80 a day, unchanged.
- Nine ladies dancing, $5,400 a day, unchanged.
- Ten lords-a-leaping, $2,000 a day, up $200.
- Eleven pipers piping, $660.55 a day, up to $12.25.

Perky actress Lee Purcell can't wait to get home from a day before the cameras to be with her sweet poodles Snickers, left, and Heather. Lee's been on TV shows "Hunter," "Knots Landing" and "Otherz."

Wife killed hubby & got away with it, says judge

A judge found that Jill Post killed her husband, airline pilot James Post, by shooting him twice in the back as he slept — but the widow won't have to spend a day in jail for the crime!

By PETE COOKE

"Jill Post . . . did unlawfully and intentionally kill James M. Post," Judge Vaughn Rudnick said in declaring the bizarre case.

Mrs. Post, 42, was not charged by police with murdering her husband, but the dead man's parents filed a lawsuit against her, claiming she pulled the trigger and so shouldn't inherit a share from their son's estate.

The stunning murder mystery began on the night of Nov. 30, 1986, when Mrs. Post called authorities and reported that her husband had been shot. Sheriff's deputies raced to the Posts' five-acre spread near West Palm Beach, Fla., and found the dashing 41-year-old Delta airline pilot lying facedown in bed with two .38-caliber slugs in his back. Mrs. Post told investigators she heard the shots come from the upstairs bedroom and darted into a dark corner as a stranger with long, stringy hair crept down the stairs and dashed out the front door.

Detectives, who still haven't found the murder weapon, considered Mrs. Post a prime suspect, but say they don't have enough evidence to charge her.

Post's parents, Frank and Doris, filed suit against Mrs. Post, accusing her of shooting their son and contending that she wasn't entitled to inherit any of his $620,000 estate.

After listening to two weeks of testimony, Judge Rudnick sided with the parents, ruling that Jill Post had killed her husband.

SCOT-FREE — Did Jill Post commit the perfect crime?

Kidnapper looked like Elvis

A college coed visiting who was abducted at gunpoint by an Elvis Presley look-alike — who sang terrible.

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Pretty TV anchorwoman has claws for hands!

TV anchorwoman Bree Walker made news herself recently when she was hired by a top big-city television station — in spite of the fact that she has claws instead of hands.

The feisty blonde, who suffers from a genetic deformity called "lobster-claw syndrome," is a newscaster for station KCBS-TV in Los Angeles, Calif. Her birth defect has left her with fingers and toes that are fused together so that she has difficulty grasping objects normally and must wear special shoes to make walking easier.

"It's no big deal," the pretty newscaster says about her disability. "I just don't think that people care about it that much. And it's of very little interest to me."

What does interest Bree, a 35-year-old wife and mother of one, is news reporting. And that she does well, so well that she has won praise from bosses and colleagues and has landed one of the choicest anchor spots in the country.

Bree is known as a hard worker who digs until she uncovers the truth on her news beat. But although she's doing great, she admits that she is slightly handicapped in her work — by her hostile hands.

"I've been tempted to dye my hair dark because of it," Bree said. "I sometimes think my biggest handicap is being blonde. I'm unsure about that more than anything."

BRAVE Bree Walker is a successful TV newswoman in spite of her bizarre deformity.

Photo reenactment shows Sergio Cervalini's brush with death as he race sim at a glowing UFO.

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Sexual harassment costs business million$

Sexual harassment on the job isn't just a problem for women, according to a new survey that discovered big business has been hit where it hurts most — in the pocketbook.

The survey conducted by Working Woman magazine found the typical Fortune 500 company loses a whopping $6.7 million annually because of sexual harassment.

The huge financial losses stem from lost productivity by women who react to sexual harassment by quitting, transferring to other departments, not showing up for work or simply being unable to concentrate on their jobs.

"This is no longer the stereotypical old boss chasing the pretty young secretary around the desk," said the magazine's editor in chief Anne Mudgett Smith. "If companies don't deal with it better, this is a financial time bomb for American business."

The financial loss figure of $6.7 million does not include the cost of companies defending themselves against harassment lawsuits or the amount of court awards to sexually harassed women. But a third of the companies surveyed have been sued at least once for sexual harassment.

The survey found that the vast majority of women who are sexually harassed on the job do not file formal complaints. Among those who did, 42 percent said the harassment consisted of teasing or jokes. Another 26 percent complained of unwanted touches and 17 percent said they were pressured for sexual favors.

"I was only joking," was the most common defense used by those accused of sexual harassment, according to the survey.

— PETE CROWE

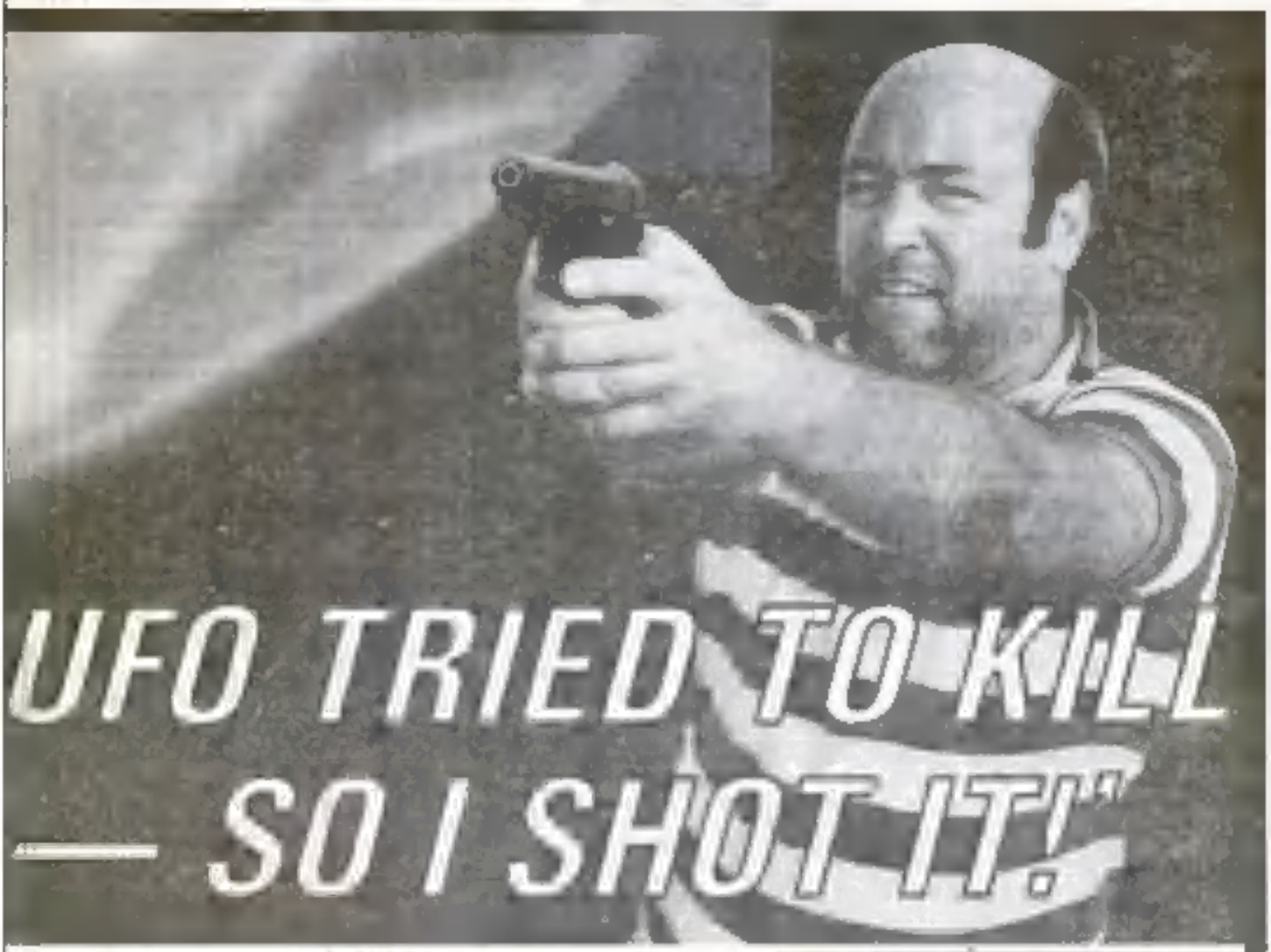
Teen mistook sis for burglar & shot her, say cops

When Harold Wasson thought he heard an intruder in his home, he grabbed a rifle — and accidentally shot his little sister to death, authorities said.

Cops say 16-year-old Harold arrived at his home in Spartanburg, S.C., and heard noises inside. Not realizing his sister, Christine, 13, was at home with a sore throat, Harold loaded a rifle and "started sucking his way through the house," an officer said.

He said that when he opened this sister's door, it wouldn't open all the way. About that time, she stepped from behind the door and he fired."

Christine died of a gunshot wound to the head.



UFO TRIED TO KILL — SO I SHOT IT!"

By EAGAN DUNN

A truck driver claims to have shot a UFO with five bullets from his 9mm automatic, partially disabling the craft before it glowed bright green and disappeared!

Sergio Cavadini, 42, was not injured in the encounter on a lonely highway near Ancona, Italy.

But he told cops that he feared for his life and would have killed the extraterrestrial pilot and crew without hesitation.

"The UFO swooped down out of the sky and tried to force me off the highway," Cavadini told reporters in Ancona. "What was I supposed to do? Let them kill me? I pulled over and shot as fast as I could pull the trigger."

The terrifying drama allegedly unfolded around midnight on November 28. Cavadini said he was hauling a load of vegetables into Ancona when the saucer-shaped craft shot down out of the sky and began pacing him on the highway.

"I almost had a heart attack right there behind the wheel," said Cavadini. "The thing was green and glowing and at least 150 feet long.

"I stomped on the brakes, but it stayed right beside me. So I slammed on the brakes — but it stopped, too. Then it nudged the side of my truck and tried to push me off the highway."

Cavadini said he grabbed the 9mm automatic he carries for protection and jumped out the passenger side of the truck.

He started to run away, then turned and fired five shots into the side of the UFO. "When I fired, the UFO listed to one side as if it lowered its motor," said Cavadini.

"Then it glowed bright green and disappeared."

Ancona police confirmed that Cavadini's truck was dented, but refused to say whether they believed a UFO was responsible for the damage. They also acknowledged that they had received 30 reports from people who claimed to have seen a bright green flying saucer on the night of November 28. But they again refused to say if the sightings and Cavadini's encounter were related. "I used to chase flying saucers when I was a boy," Cavadini said. "But I believe in them now."

Terrified trucker pumps five bullets into menacing UFO!

Snoozing boyfriend stripped and burned by outraged gal, say cops

By JACK ALEXANDER

Partygoer Ron Zimmer was stripped naked after he fell asleep at a drunken bash, doused with lighter fluid and set on fire, cops said — by his angry girlfriend.

"I'm going to show him," cops quoted Cynthia Hart as saying as she undressed her dazed date at a friend's house in Pompano, Fla.

She sprinkled him with lighter fluid, ignited him with a match and walked out of the house, cops said.

Zimmer was being dressed and struggled with Miss Hart, but she managed to get all his clothes off, anyway, said police.

Zimmer was treated for his burns and later released from a hospital. Police don't know if charges will be filed against Miss Hart.

Miss Hart, 32, surrendered to police the following day and was charged with malicious wounding in the incident.

Zimmer was treated for his burns and later released from a hospital. Police don't know if charges will be filed against Miss Hart.

HARD LESSON FOR SOFT JUDGE!

A traffic court judge criticized for letting drunk drivers off the hook got some firsthand experience with the problem when his car was struck by a motorist, who was later charged with driving under the influence.

Authorities in Virginia Beach, Va., said Judge R. Stanley Holgren' car was rammed by [illegible] James Cate.

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